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Another business leaves the Plaza. A mover pushes a display rack from the El Cerrito Plaza's Beadazzled store to a U-Haul truck. Owners Lillian and William Leung received a letter on April 2, notifying them to vacate their store by May 15. The Leungs have been in business at the Plaza for 30 years, they have found a new location in Lafayette and hope to be open by May 18.

Relay For Life puts community on track in battling cancer

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — If you can talk the talk, that's OK, but the American Cancer Society and the Relay For Life folks are looking for those special people who can also walk the walk.

Relay For Life has been called a 24-hour moving block party and Berkeley, Albany and El Cerrito teams of walkers are looking for volunteers to join up and help raise money for cancer research.

"It's a fundraiser and a cancer-education event for the American Cancer Society and it takes place over 24 hours," said Janice Jordan, chairwoman for the event. "Prior to the event teams form. These teams can be family members. They can be people who work with each other; they can be neighbors," Jordan said. "They each commit to raising \$100 each."

Relay For Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt walked around a track for 24 hours. Klatt raised \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society and began an annual event. With more than 3000 communities participating nationwide, the ambulatory fundraiser is expected to raise \$158 million in the United States for cancer society research, programs and services. Relays will also be held in other countries including Australia, Ireland and Singapore.

Jordan said a team consists of eight to 15 people. During the 24-hour event, to be held June 2 and 3 at the El Cerrito High School track, at least one member of each team is to be walking the track at all times. Currently 10 teams have formed from the three local communities. Jordan said you don't have to be part of

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Departures get attention

■ On Monday the City Council will discuss loss of smaller Plaza

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The reconstructed El Cerrito Plaza due to open this fall will not include many of the old Plaza's smaller businesses. The City Council plans to look into what, if anything, can be done about the loss of longtime Plaza merchants. The matter will be discussed at Monday night's (May 21) council meeting.

As work continues toward the fall 2001 opening of the reconstructed Plaza, many of the center's small shops are closing or have closed. "We're Moving" and "Lost Our Lease" signs are prominent.

The Plaza Shoe Service shop has moved to Albany; Larry Parks Ltd. salon has moved to the small upper Fairmount commercial district; Beadazzled will move to a new home in Lafayette; Patrick Montoya, owner of Plaza Beauty Supplies and Salon, said his business will soon leave the Plaza; FastServe Medical has moved to San Pablo

Avenue in El Cerrito; the Plaza Barber Shop has closed.

A Crafter's Corner is closing, but may continue in some form at the Farmers' Market. The Plaza Coin Laundry has been told it will have to move after its lease expires in the summer of 2002, and owner Steve Zhou estimates it will cost him \$150,000 to relocate.

"We Are Closed. Please visit us at Hilltop Mall, Alameda South Shore Center, Oakland City Center," a sign at the closed Waldenbooks reads. "To our valued customers — thank you," says another. "We have truly

loved serving you."

A notice at Betty's Hallmark emphasizes that the May 13 closing of the current store is only temporary and that the store will reopen in the fall in the new Plaza at its new corner location.

The northern half of the Plaza is currently undergoing reconstruction. New stores will include Ross, Bed Bath and Beyond, a new and an expanded Albertson's grocery store and a Bally's fitness center.

Plans for Gap, including a Gap Kids, and Old Navy clothing

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JRICHARD YAMASHIRO, owner of Richard's Jewelers on Solano Avenue in Albany, is closing his business after 51 years.

JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

Officials gathering input on Eastshore Park

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

Despite public workshops that kicked off in January, residents from Oakland to Richmond are not much closer to understanding what converting portions of their waterfront into Eastshore State Park territory will mean for them.

State officials are merely in the information-gathering stage of the game, so only questions, not answers, are surfacing about what form this 8-mile stretch of land could take.

For now, they say they are listening to suggestions from anyone with an opinion on what should or shouldn't be done with the park. As a formality, Steven Hammond, the project's lead planning consultant, is among those making rounds to cities in the proposed area.

"Because it's an urban setting this is land that's already being used," Hammond said at a recent Albany City Council meeting. "We're hoping to change and enhance it."

How this will happen is any-

one's guess, but council members reiterated the importance of different entities being heard throughout the process.

"Overall, people in Albany want to see non-restricted aquatic uses, Bay trails, and dog-walkers want to maintain (their rights) at Point Isabel," said state park district Superintendent Ronald Schafer.

Dog-walkers have been the most vocal group in the area, because much of the land they currently use doesn't require their dogs to be on leashes. Dawn

Schellenberg is among the many calling for the maintenance of the dog park.

On the official park Web site, she wrote to officials, "Off-leash areas are vital to the health and welfare of our companion animals."

Yet, if there was one assurance for Albany, it was that the city won't likely get the playing fields council members are pushing for.

"The use of ball fields is al-

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Solano mainstay calling it quits after 50 years

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A cardboard sign hangs in the dusty entrance to Richard's jewelers at 1272-1274 Solano Avenue: "Going out of business after 51 years."

More signs hang in the window listing names of people who have yet to pick up their merchandise. Inside, there are still cases displaying assorted Seikos and Speidel watches, but the cases will soon be sold off. For a few more weeks, anyway, customers can browse the store for watches, necklaces and pendants.

It's a sign that Albany is losing yet another family-owned business that's existed since the city was a mostly white, blue-collar suburb.

The owner, Richard Yamashiro, has been struggling with his health since his heart surgery a year ago. He collapsed again last fall and underwent two brain surgeries, and is just beginning to get back on his feet.

His wife, Christine, has held down the fort with what he calls her less social but more business-like approach.

A retired pharmacist with Kaiser, she recently sold the store safe for \$100 on e-bay.

"The role reversal was not something I had planned for," she said.

Richard's hasn't been open full-time for a while, and shelves stuffed with stacks of old boxes

and binders suggesting decades of history fill most of the store.

Of Japanese decent, Yamashiro grew up in Berkeley and attended junior high there. When he reached high school, he was removed from his home for three years when he was placed in an internment camp during World War II. After returning, he attended UC Berkeley and then San Francisco Junior College.

The business got its start in an Ashby Avenue storefront in 1950, and moved to Albany four years later.

The 1950s were a different era, when narrow wedding bands cost about \$20 and gold was \$35 an ounce. It was also a time when minorities were not welcomed with open arms in Albany, and the Yamashiros likely would have remained in Berkeley if it weren't for a Greek fabric store owner in Albany who used to stop in Richard's in passing.

"Minorities couldn't buy houses," said Mrs. Yamashiro, or at least they were discouraged from doing so.

But rent was cheap, nonetheless. Forty-five years ago the Solano storefront went for \$65 a month, compared to the \$1,100 Richard's pays now.

What they carried also grew. "We started getting calls for ballpoint and fountain pens," he recalled. "Little by little, jewelry salesmen would come in and say they'd leave things and I could

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Creations send Albany women to cook-off finals

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

Take that, Gourmet Ghetto. Albany has produced not one, but two finalists of 2,700 people who entered a pork company's cooking contest last fall. Albany mother Roxanne Chan and Camilla Saulsbury, a UC Berkeley student, will be going "Hog

Wild" this Saturday in the final culinary cook-off in Los Angeles. They were among 30 entries from throughout the Western U.S. to make the final rounds.

Chan's New England Style Strata landed her the quick and easy category, while Saulsbury will cook her New Orleans Muffuletta Sausage Roll.

"For me the draw is the challenge of coming up with a recipe that's good enough to get me in the finals," said Chan. Then, of course, there are the prizes. Both stand to win a Harley-Davidson if they win first prize, but Chan says she'd prefer the \$10,000.

The judging approach typically covers four categories: first taste, then ease of preparation, followed by appearance and originality.

For all the contestants, cook-

ing is a hobby; contests for "professionals" are held separately.

Chan appears in such contests regularly and has won everything from a Renault to trips all over the world.

Currently, she is also a finalist in a wheat germ contest, where items will also be judged for how low in fat they are.

But the "hog wild" competition, not surprisingly, is no scene for vegetarians. The initial recipe contest challenged pork lovers to submit their favorite pork recipe in one of six categories: snack, breakfast, lunch, quick and easy dinners, appetizers and special occasion.

Coming up with a recipe is no simple task. The contestants had to invent something new, for one. Chan alone has already accumu-

lated some 500 winning recipes in other competitions in her 17 years of experimentation with food.

And originality is paramount. People have been disqualified from contests after companies found out entries were taken from magazines.

The cook-off, which will take place outside on the Santa Monica Pier, accompanied by country music. Farmer John, which is hosting the contest, gets something out of the deal. Contestants use one of the company's meat products in their recipes, and the recipes themselves are later signed over to the company.

"I don't really do it for the prizes — but winning is great,"

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

CCCT volunteers

Carpentry/construction volunteers turn raw materials into beautiful sets at Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito. The theater is recruiting set construction directors for one or more shows per year. These volunteers need some construction or home building experience, should be able to read and explain design plans, etc. Also needed are set construction workers with basic home repair skills and a willingness to work as part of an enthusiastic team. Times are flexible. Leave a message for theater administrator Beth Cohen, 510-524-6654.

Preschooler fun

The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., will present a new series of stories and films for preschoolers ages 3 to 5 at 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings through June 2.

Relay For Life

Walkers and runners will go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society's

Relay For Life. Beginning on June 2 at 10 a.m., and ending 24 hours later on Sunday, June 3, at 10 a.m., teams of eight to 15 people will gather at El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave. Relay For Life is a family-oriented team event where participants can walk or run relay-style around the track and take part in fun activities when it's not their turn. The public is invited to attend the luncheon ceremony that Saturday at 8:25 p.m. The track is surrounded with luminarias as participants remember loved-ones who were lost to cancer and honor survivors. Luminarias can be purchased for a donation by calling Cynthia Shane-Smith at 925-934-7640 or by e-mailing cynthia.shane-smith@cancer.org. Registration forms and information for the Relay For Life can also be obtained from Shane-Smith, local chairperson Janice Jordan, 525-2608, or by calling the American Cancer Society, 800-ACS-2345.

Stegle School carnival

The Stegle Elementary School PTA is

having a fund-raising carnival on June 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school, 4949 Cypress Ave. in Richmond.

Children's Science Fair

Kensington Nursery School is pleased to invite young children ages 2 to 7 and their parents to experience the joy of discovery at its 10th annual Science Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Children will learn through their play as they experience "hands-on" science-related activities at more than 15 stations and exhibits, including: rockets, electricity, magnets, volcanoes, deep sea fishing, water world, and the animal room. In addition, there will be two special attractions: Astro Jump and Space World, an adventurous journey into the final frontier. There will also be a barbecue. Admission is \$5 for children; parents are free. For more information, call Debbie Gano, 524-7963, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

POLICE REPORTS

Girl reports abduction attempt

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the afternoon of May 7, a resident on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that her red Nissan Pulsar had been stolen over the weekend while it was parked in front of her home. A check found that a relative had borrowed the car and had gotten into an accident in Berkeley. Because the driver did not have a driver's license, the vehicle was impounded.

■ At about 10:30 p.m. on May 7, officers contacted a subject acting suspiciously in a '96 Toyota pickup on the 500 block of Madison Street. The subject, a 17-year-old Oakland boy, was found to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested, cited and released to his father with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of May 8, officers located a blue '92 Saturn near Stannage and Brighton avenues that had been reported as stolen from Richmond. The car was towed and the owner notified.

■ On the morning of May 8, the pastor of a church on the 1500 block of Washington Avenue reported that a glass sign inside the church had been vandalized. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 1 p.m. on May 8, a man reported that a few minutes before two subjects had stolen his wallet while he was in a restaurant on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue. He described the pair as black male adults in their 30s, both thin, one wearing a white dress shirt and slacks and the other wearing a brown

shirt and brown pants. They were last seen traveling south on San Pablo Avenue and were gone when officers arrived.

■ Shortly after midnight on May 9, officers stopped a blue '90 Ford Mustang on the 600 block of Masonic Avenue for erratic driving. The driver, a 43-year-old Albany man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on May 10, Albany officers stopped a silver '84 Alfa near Pomona and Marin avenues for reckless driving. The driver, a 35-year-old Albany man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of May 10, a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that her silver '92 Nissan Sentra had been burgled during the night. The thieves stole several items from inside and departed unseen.

■ At about 2 p.m. on May 10, an 8-year-old Albany girl reported that while she was walking home from Cornell School on Talbot Avenue near Portland Avenue, a man came up behind her and grabbed her hand. She described the man as white, 16 to 17 years old, with a crooked nose, brown hair, short sideburns, wearing a white T-shirt, yellow button down shirt with orange flowers on it and blue jeans. She was able to break free and run home. The subject chased her for part of the block, then gave up. When she got home, she told her mother, who called police. The subject was gone when

they arrived. Police are investigating.

■ At about 1:15 on May 11, officers stopped a silver '96 Toyota Camry traveling north on I-80 for erratic driving. The driver, a 20-year-old Richmond man, was found to be intoxicated and his license had been suspended. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of May 11, a resident on the 1500 block of Posen Street reported that during the night, thieves had trashed her yard and stole some of her potted plants. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of May 11, a resident on the 1500 block of Sonoma Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her green '99 Toyota pickup. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of May 11, a resident on the 1000 block of Neilson Street reported that during the night, thieves had stolen his wallet from his unlocked gray '83 Toyota.

■ On the afternoon of May 11, a resident on the 1000 block of Curtis Street reported that thieves had broken into his red '88 Acura Legend while it was parked in the driveway. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 4 p.m. on May 11, officers stopped a gold '92 Mitsubishi Eclipse on the 700 block of Pierce Street for a traffic violation. The driver, a 31-year-old Pinole man, was found to have outstanding warrants. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. The passenger checked clear and was allowed

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Chamber asks help for Plaza merchants

Leaders of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce have called on the City Council to help "before all the old (El Cerrito) Plaza businesses we know and like have disappeared."

The Chamber's "concern about recent developments at El Cerrito Plaza" was outlined in a letter sent by the business group's Executive Committee to City Council members in early May.

In recent weeks, letter declared, several of the small businesses at the Plaza have moved out of the shopping center and several more have indicated they may have to close down because of increased rents and other expensive considerations.

"The Chamber leadership," the letter said, "is more than satisfied at the high quality effort Regency Realty Corporation is displaying in their revitalization of the shopping center. There is every reason to be thankful they have undertaken this difficult task. The Chamber leadership is certain that, when completed, the 'new' Plaza will do this city proud."

SEWALL GLINTERNICK
El Cerrito Chamber

Having said that, the Executive Committee went on to say it is concerned with "the current and the imminent displacement of several of the Plaza's old tenants."

"Over four years ago," the letter said, "when the Plaza revitalization effort was just getting underway, the Chamber expressed great concern about the welfare of the small businesses which had decided to hang on and keep serving the people of El Cerrito. At that time the City Council assured everyone they would make the protection of these businesses their top priority."

"The Executive Committee would like to respectfully request the City Council to attempt: in every way possible: to keep the pledge that was made so many years ago."

"When times were tough, the Plaza merchants did not abandon businesses we know and like

have disappeared."

At the City Council meeting on May 7 Chamber President Marge Collins appeared before city officials to reinforce the Executive Committee's position and to request action on this matter.

3 firms join Chamber

Two businesses: Ascent Wellness Center and Ben Valdez's Allstate Insurance Agency: have joined the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, and the CFC Corporation, after an absence of three years, has rejoined the organization.

Ascent Wellness Center Complete holistic health and wellness services have come to El Cerrito with the opening recently of Ascent Wellness Center at 6929 Stockton Avenue (at Norvell). Headed by Chip White, Kentyah Fraser and Everett Doner, the Center offers a full range of therapeutic massage and bodywork services, including sports, Swedish, deep tissue and hot stone massage as well as somato-emotional bodywork, facial massage and specialized neck/shoulder/wrist massage, and anti-stress programs.

"Massage," the trio explains, "enhances overall health and wellness, helps the body deal with lack of sleep, improves skin tone, decreases premature skin aging, enhances immune response by improving cellular function and waste elimination. In some cases it reduces the need for pain medication for many chronic conditions."

Coming soon to the Ascent Wellness Center is Watsu Therapy, general holistic medical care services, and specialized holistic healthcare services for serious illness.

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Kayak stolen off of vehicle roof

STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — Early the morning of May 2, a recycling bin was stolen from the yard of a residence on the 2500 block of Vista Drive, according to a report.

■ Police advised two residents who have been receiving phantom phone calls every day between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to contact Pacific Bell.

A man living on the 3300 block of Santa Clara Avenue told police his caller ID indicates an "out of area" caller each time one of the calls comes in, but no name, and that there is never any sound on the other end of the line. In addition, a resident on the 600 block of Norvell Street made a similar report May 7.

■ A 34-year-old man chased a woman off his lawn on the 600 block of Liberty Street May 7 after he allegedly caught her stealing his mail around 5:15 p.m. She chucked the mail to the ground

and ran off, he said.

Police have not caught up with the thief, but there have been other reports of a woman looting mail in recent months.

■ An 84-year-old woman told police a coin purse may have been stolen at Home Depot the afternoon of May 7. She returned home from shopping and couldn't find the purse in her handbag, she said.

■ The night of May 5, a kayak worth \$2,000 was reportedly stolen from the roof of a Toyota 4 Runner SUV that was parked on the 900 block of Balra Drive.

■ Between May 4 and May 7, a battery worth \$60 was reportedly stolen from the floor of a trailer boat parked on the 7400 block of Stockton Avenue.

■ The morning of May 6, a young couple reportedly left Denny's Restaurant on I1344

San Pablo Ave. without paying for their \$34.39 meal and drove off in a 1986 gray Toyota.

■ Last week, a \$200 telescope was stolen from the porch of a residence on the 7300 block of Hotchkiss Street, according to a report.

■ A 68-year-old El Cerrito man violated a court order when he called a 42-year-old El Cerrito woman and left several messages on her answering machine, police said.

■ The evening of May 5, a man reportedly shoplifted two radio-controlled cars worth a total of \$80 from Radio Shack on 11299 San Pablo Ave.

■ A 22-year-old man was stopped at San Pablo and Sacramento the night of April 30 for weaving in and out of the lane in his car and given a DUI, police said.



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EXTENDING A WELCOME to new Chamber member Frank Bent (center), owner of Wholesale Motors, are Mayor Larry Damon, who presents the plaque, and Chamber President Marge Collins.

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EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

Fee for classes

Beginning July 1 all classes at the Senior Center will be fee-based, Recreation Director Monica Korts told the City Council last week. "To begin this program staff will maintain the current donation amount of \$3 for residents and \$3.75 for non-residents," Korts said. Ticket vouchers will be sold in books of five and instructors will collect the vouchers from each class participant at the beginning of each session.

"Overall, staff has received positive feedback on the new fee program. An instructor and a few participants have raised concerns regarding those who cannot afford to pay for a class," Korts reported. She pointed out that scholarships will be available for those in need. "Signs and written materials are being distributed at the Senior Center informing participants about the new ticket voucher program," Korts said. "We will continue to charge a separate fee for all trips and computer classes."

Prescribed burns

Fire Chief Mark Scott said last week that the city's prescribed burning program in the parks and natural areas will resume this week. "In my experience this is one of the earliest resumptions of the prescribed burning program," Scott noted. "Last year's start of prescribed burns was pushed forward well into July because we could not get the fuel to burn," he added.

"Typically we start the burns in June. This year fuels have been ready to burn for two weeks or so already. Winds dry the fuel out and lower fuel moisture to dangerous levels. Even a few days of rain will not increase the fuel moisture levels to safe levels," Scott said. "It typically will take 100 hours of rain to raise the fuel moisture levels to safe levels."

"Although I can't say what the fire season will bring this year, I can safely say that the fire season will begin early," Scott noted. "By May 15 you can expect to see the fire engine and brush units (pickup truck units) traveling together thus signaling the start of the fire season."

Farmer's market

Plaza reconstruction work will soon cause some temporary

changes in the Farmers' Market location and Plaza entrances and exits.

"In the next couple of weeks the construction will be focusing on the repaving and installation of parking lot lights in the southwest corner of the property and the area of the main entrance off San Pablo Avenue," Jill Keimach, community development director, said in a report to the City Council last week. "The parking lot where the Farmers' Market is currently located must be grinded and repaved and new trenches dug for the future parking lot lights," she said. The work is expected to begin during the last week of May and take about four weeks to complete. The Farmer's Market will temporarily relocate to the southeast corner of the property and will remain open through this construction period, Keimach said.

He also said that the existing water and sewer mains that run between Long's and San Pablo Avenue must also be trench and reset at a lower level in order to allow for a more gradual grade between the main entrance and Long's. "Although the main entrance will remain open during this work, Wells Fargo will redirect customers exiting the shopping center to the driveway," she added.

Aroner, Giola join panel

Housing Choices for Livable Communities is the topic for a panel discussion on Tuesday, May 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. This event is jointly sponsored by the El Cerrito Democratic Club, the Sierra Club, and Sustainable El Cerrito.

Assemblymember Dion Aroner and county Supervisor John Giola will be joined by a panel of experts who will give their perspectives on smart growth, infill planning, and affordable housing. They will focus on the affordable housing needs facing West Contra Costa County. A question-and-answer period will follow.

Everyone is invited. Come early to see the displays, exhibits and literature. For more details, call Lori Dair at 510-232-6466.

Council proclamations

The City Council unanimously approved several proclamations at its meeting May 7:

Cancer Survivors Day

Sunday, June 3, was proclaimed to be National Cancer Survivors Day in El Cerrito. "There are 8.9 million Americans living with a history of cancer," the proclamation reads in part. "The five-year survival rate for all cancers combined is expected to reach a record high this year of 60 percent. Since over 1.2 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the U.S. this year, increased access to quality cancer care, screening and prevention — especially among minorities and the medically underserved — must be a top priority in our community," it adds.

"The city of El Cerrito has an active, productive cancer survivor population, demonstrating that a cancer diagnosis is no longer an automatic death sentence." The proclamation points out that communities across the nation will be celebrating life on Sunday, June 3, 2001, "as part of the world's largest cancer survivor event."

Affordable Housing Week

The council also proclaimed June 1 to June 10 to be Affordable Housing Week.

"Decent, safe and affordable housing is one of the basic necessities of life," the proclamation notes. "Affordable housing is of vital importance to the health and well-being of El Cerrito's residents ... hundreds of people in Contra Costa County live in overcrowded, substandard and otherwise inadequate housing," it adds. "Hundreds more are paying over 30 percent, and many over 50 percent, of their income for housing and are at significant risk of losing their housing and becoming homeless."

"Hundreds of units of affordable housing have been built by non-profit developers in this county and are well managed, well maintained and making significant contributions to the communities in which they are located."

Municipal Clerks Week

Acknowledging it is a matter of being better late than never, the council this week also proclaimed April 29 to May 5 to be Municipal Clerks Week in El Cerrito. "The office of the municipal clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government, exists throughout the world," the proclamation states. "The office of municipal clerk pro-

vides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels," it adds. Noting that the municipal clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community, the proclamation adds: "Municipal clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all."

The proclamation extends appreciation to "our Municipal Clerk, Linda Giddings, and to all municipal clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent."

Police announcements

Police Chief Scott Kirkland has announced that officer Stephen Bonini will be honored at the annual Exchange Club of Albany-El Cerrito "Officer of the Year" recognition dinner this year. The event will be held on May 23 at the Galileo Club, 371 South 23rd St. in Richmond.

"Officer Stephen Bonini has been selected by the sergeants to receive this year's honor," Kirkland said. "Stephen received recognition earlier this year from the Richmond Elks Club for his outstanding service and contributions and his consistently high level of law enforcement service to the community," the chief added. "Additionally, during the year past, Stephen was honored for his contributions during the 'Avoid the 25' campaign, received the '10851 Award,' and recently qualified for his second 10851 Award."

The departments represented at the dinner include Albany, BART, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Kensington, Contra Costa Sheriff, and the California Highway Patrol.

Full complement

Chief Kirkland also announced that Richard Robben will join the department as a police officer, effective last week, and noted, "With the appointment of Rick, we have filled all of our current police officer vacancies."

Robben was an officer in the ECPD from March 1983 through May 1985, but due to family concerns went to work for the Napa County Sheriff's Department where he was employed until November 1995.



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Pool work continues

THE ANTICIPATED opening date for the Albany Pool, at 1311 Portland Ave., Albany, is now set as June 25. The pool has been closed since March 5 for replacement of the pool filters, installation of new gutters, and usual yearly maintenance. Call the pool after June 1 at 559-6640 for schedule information. Updates can also be found on the Albany Unified School District Web site:

Reports

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■ Shortly before midnight on May 11, officers stopped a gray '88 Chevrolet near San Pablo and Marin Avenues for erratic driving. The driver, a 52-year-old San Pablo man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of May 12, a resident on the 700 block of San Carlos Street reported that thieves broke into her '89 Toyota pickup and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 10:30 p.m. on May 12, a security guard at Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that he had observed a group of six white male juveniles and one white female juvenile pull out the street sign at Key Route Boulevard and Portland Avenue. The group was gone when officers arrived.

■ At about 8 a.m. on May 13, a resident on the 900 block of Jackson Street reported that in the previous 15 minutes, thieves had stolen her backpack from her unlocked vehicle. There were no witnesses.

■ At about noon on May 13, a business on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that vandals had broken a window in the store. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 7:15 p.m. on May 13, officers stopped a brown '76 Ford van near San Pablo and Washington Avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 41-year-old Richmond man, was found to be driving with a suspended license. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

During the week of May 7, officers towed one vehicle, responded to nine false alarms, attended to four lost or deceased animals, responded to three reports of barking dogs, and assisted seven people who were locked out of their house or car. In the domestic arena, officers responded to two stand-bys, 18 civil disturbances, and 92 civil assists. Officers stopped 70 cars and/or pedestrians, issuing 25 citations and 45 warnings. Fire-fighter and paramedics responded to 12 medical emergencies.

Chamber

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Among the newest members is the Ben Valdez Allstate Insurance Agency at 10470 San Pablo Ave.

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His San Pablo Avenue office, with its staff of five, is open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.

CFC Corporation, headed by San Rafael developer Charles

Oewel, returns to the El Cerrito Chamber after an absence of several years.

Oewel has proposed a plan to develop 264 units of housing and 100,000 square feet of office and commercial space along with pedestrian-friendly walkways and landscaped open areas on land adjacent to the Del Norte BART station. The developer will outline his plan at the Chamber's May 22 business luncheon. Reservations for this session are required, and may be made through the close of business today by telephoning the Chamber office at 510-233-7040.

Two more firms reinvest

The Chamber leadership would like to thank Advanced Instruments and Kit & Caboodle Hobby Shop for showing their support in this organization by extending their membership for another year.

CC&C Seeks Assistance

A call went out this week for all El Cerrito business people and residents who believe in community participation, cooperation and cultural expression to help with the June 2 Sister Cities Parade and Multicultural Festival.

This event is being organized by Celebrating Culture & Community, a group which holds associate Chamber membership.

CC&C is looking for donors to cover the many costs for this community event. In addition to financial support, CC&C is looking for in-kind assistance and volunteers to help throughout the day-long event.

The Sister Cities celebration will run from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. It will be preceded by a VIP reception where the guest list will include consuls from Japan, Australia and China as well as business, politi-

cal and community leaders from both El Cerrito and Richmond. The Chambers of both cities will co-sponsor the reception, which will be followed by a parade from Richmond through El Cerrito and a Multicultural Festival at the El Cerrito Community Center.

Donors who contribute \$100 or more to the event will receive an invitation to the reception as well as appropriate recognition. All donations will be tax deductible.

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America's greatest military heroes are coming to Oakland this Sunday. That's no hype; it's a simple statistical fact. These are the men of E Company of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Japanese-American unit that fought in World War II and was awarded more medals than any other unit in American history.

They're coming here from all over Northern California to hold their annual memorial service at Roberts Park, where they will honor not only their fallen comrades but all those who gave their lives in the crusade against Hitler.

A color guard and bugler from the United States Volunteers will present the colors and play Taps. Rabbi Howard Zack of Congregation Beth Jacob in Oakland, whose great-uncle was one of the inmates of the infamous Dachau concentration camp who were rescued by the 442nd, will give the invocation and benediction.

During the war, the 442nd also liberated dozens of cities and towns. In Bruyeres, France, which they liberated just hours before the Gestapo was about to execute hundreds of imprisoned resistance fighters (including the future president of France, Francois Mitterand), the main street is now called "Rue de 442."

Many of their medals, alas,



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

were Purple Hearts: almost 10,000 awarded to fewer than 15,000 men, which means two out of every three were either killed or seriously wounded.

And they did all this for a government that had treated them shabbily. While they were fighting and dying in France, their own parents were imprisoned behind barbed wire.

It didn't happen to German-Americans, and it didn't happen to Italian-Americans. But Japanese-Americans up and down the west coast were rounded up at gunpoint and sent to desolate "relocation camps" further inland. Most lost everything they had: farms, homes, businesses — everything.

And yet these men laid their lives on the line for the government that perpetrated this outrage. What's more, they volunteered. If there's a more moving example of returning good for evil, I don't know what it is.

One of these volunteers was John Togashi. On Dec. 6, 1941, he was a skinny 16-year-old

leading his high school basketball team to victory in the biggest game of the season. (He was the point guard.)

The next morning, he was listening to his brother's Philco radio when the announcer said, "The Japanese have attacked Pearl Harbor!" He didn't even know where Pearl Harbor was.

When he went to school the following day, his friends and teammates taunted him and called him a "Jap." The principal called a school-wide assembly. "He got up and gave what I'm sure was a very patriotic speech," Mr. Togashi remembered years later, "but I felt like every eye in the auditorium was staring at me."

He and his family were deported to the Amache relocation camp in Colorado. It was there that he volunteered to join the 442.

He fought his way through France and Italy, participating in some of the 442's most dangerous battles, including the miraculous rescue of "The Lost Battalion," a Texas unit that had gotten trapped behind enemy lines.

In January, 1945, the 442nd was given another seemingly impossible task: breaking Hitler's hitherto impregnable "Gothic Line," which had held up the entire American Fifth Army for more than half a year. They succeeded, but not be-

fore an exploding shell tore into Mr. Togashi, hurling him down the mountain with severe shrapnel wounds in his hip.

There were no stretcher bearers to carry him, so he limped back to the Battalion Aid station on his own. The medic there took one look and said, "Buddy, you've got a Million-Dollar Wound" - G.I. slang for a wound that wasn't fatal but was serious enough to knock you out of the war.

He was rushed to the rear in the first available ambulance, along with another wounded G.I., Daniel Inouye (the current senior U.S. Senator from Hawaii), whose arm had been torn off by a grenade explosion.

He was mustered out with a Purple Heart, a Combat Infantryman's Badge, and a Presidential Unit Citation with two clusters.

After the war, he became a research chemist with Hills Brothers Coffee, where he invented one of the main processes for making freeze-dried coffee. Later, he worked for NASA, conducting space simulation tests on American satellites until his retirement about 10 years ago.

He was a loving husband, a doting father and grandfather, and an active member of his church.

And, as I now realize looking back, he was my moral

teacher. My first lesson came right after I met him, when he and I and a few other guys from E Company went out to lunch at Jack London Square. The waitress must have been having a bad day, because she couldn't get anything right. It wasn't that she brought us each other's orders; she brought us stuff that nobody had ordered. I was all for sending it back, but Mr. Togashi wouldn't hear of it. "So what if it isn't what we ordered?" he said. "It's edible, isn't it?"

Finally, I realized: When you've done what he's done, you don't have to push around an overworked waitress to prove you're a real man.

My final lesson came last year, when the men of E Company held their annual memorial service at Roberts Park.

I had been doing a lot of reading about the 442nd, and I had formed some strong impressions about two of their commanding officers, both of whom were what the Hawaiians call "haoles" (i.e. Caucasian).

One, Lt. Col. James Hanley, was everything you'd want an officer to be. He loved his men, and they loved him back. He never asked them to do anything he wasn't willing to do himself.

But the other, Maj. Gen. John Dahlquist, was a disgrace to his uniform. According to the definitive book on the 442nd, "Honor By Fire" by Lyn Crost, Dahlquist used these brave men as cannon fodder.

Take their most famous exploit, the rescue of the Lost Battalion near Biffontaine, France, on Oct. 27-28, 1944. About 200 Texans had gotten trapped behind German lines. The only way to save them was to charge up a steep mountain against a heavily entrenched enemy in well-concealed positions.

It was a suicide mission, and everyone knew it. According to Crost, Dahlquist didn't want to waste his own men, so he ordered the 442nd to do it instead.

And they did it. They rescued those 200 Texans. And lost 800 men in the process.

A few days later, Dahlquist invited the press to take pictures while he held a dress parade to celebrate "his" big victory. Only a handful of the men from the 442nd turned out for the parade. Incensed, Dahlquist angrily berated their officers for spoiling his photo op by not turning out more of their men.

The answer, of course, was that the other men weren't there because they were dead.

I was still seething about all this when I ran into Mr. Togashi at last year's memorial service. So I told him what I thought; namely, that Dahlquist should have been shot for dereliction of duty.

And that's when Mr. Togashi gave me my last moral lesson. "Ah, let it rest," he said, with a wave of his hand that bespoke infinite dignity. "It was a long time ago."

I was truly humbled. Mr. Togashi was a great man.

I wish you could have known Mr. Togashi, but he died last month. In fact, we are now losing our World War II veterans at the rate of 1,500 every day. If we want to thank them for what they did for us, the time is now.

That's why I urge you to join the men of E Company this Sunday. They've asked me to emphasize that this is a ceremony to honor all veterans of World War II: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and the O.S.S.

Even if you're too young to remember World War II, the men of E Company would be pleased to have you join them.

Roberts Park is located on Redwood Road, near the junction of Redwood and Skyline. We'll meet shortly before 11 a.m. in the far parking lot, then walk the 100 yards or so to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Memorial Redwood Tree, where the ceremony will be held.

Please join us. I guarantee: You haven't really heard "The Star Spangled Banner" until you've them sing it. In an era when overpaid athletes are called heroes, how'd you like to meet the real thing?

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Leisurely Sonoma offers a palate of delights

Like a lot of people, we have a dream list of places in the world we could call home. Top of the heap is Dry Sponge, Nev., population 35. Just kidding, folks. Actually, Sonoma tops the list.

Whenever we are there, which is often, we scan the ads for houses, properties and vineyards displayed in the various Real Estate office windows.

What inevitably catches our eye is the seductive phrase "close enough to walk to the Square." Thoughts fill our heads of lazy strolls for a morning coffee or, on a warm



MIKE CLEARY
The Food and Travel Enthusiast

evening, a casual dinner in one of the town's many restaurants.

Easter weekend, Mary Ann and I had the opportunity to play "let's pretend we live here." Bill Lynch, publisher of the Sonoma Index-Tribune and one of my many bosses, and his

wife, Dottie, invited us for drinks at their home and "dinner on the Square." Coming from a family whose Sonoma roots go back several generations, Bill was the perfect guide.

As we zigzagged our way through the quiet, friendly residential streets on our way to dinner at the popular Della Santina's, a delightful Italian restaurant (707-555-1212), he regaled us with stories of the area's colorful history.

Given the number of years they've lived there, the Lynchs still enjoy being "close enough to walk to the Square." Unfortu-

nately, their house is not for sale.

However, we did discover temporary digs that more than do the trick. MacArthur Place (707-938-2929) is Suzanne Brangham's latest contribution to the Sonoma scene. Ramekin's, a culinary school, and the popular restaurant, The General's Daughter, are her other successful ventures. MacArthur Place, built around an historic manor house, is a luxury inn and spa just four blocks from the Sonoma Plaza.

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You can just call him Dr. funny bone

■ El Cerrito doc knocks 'em dead — as a humorist

By Lynn Carey
STAFF WRITER

"Oh, if only Stanley Kubrick had lived to direct my life in medicine!" Tongue welded to cheek, Dr. Oscar London thus launches into "Mouth Wide Shut," the first of a collection of essays in "From Voodoo to Viagra" (Ten Speed Press, \$14.95, 138 pages). In this piece, London describes the differences between the life of the Armani-clad physician played by Tom Cruise in "Eyes Wide Shut" to his own 40-year practice in Berkeley (wearing suits more likely to be tweed).

In one bit, he expresses astonishment at Cruise's character's habit of making house calls.

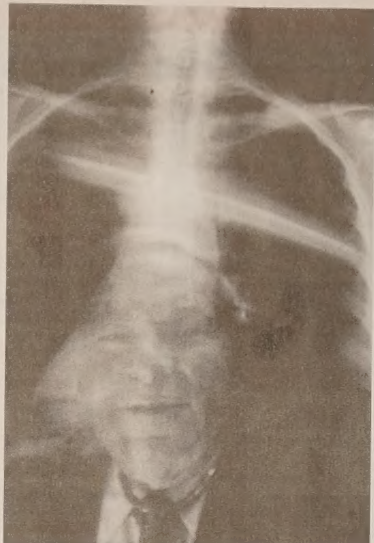
"Many years ago, I made a house call. I don't remember exactly when or precisely why. But I do recall that the elderly patient's son, a haggard, unshaven man in his 50s, threw a copy of the Columbia Desk Encyclopedia at me (and missed) when I refused to hospitalize his father. ... It took Stanley Kubrick over three years to film Dr. Harford's night on the town. He could have wrapped up his film on my life in medicine in one hour, if only he'd assigned me to write the screenplay."

Dr. Oscar London isn't his real name; it's Arlan Cohn. The "Oscar" comes from two of his favorite funny guys, Oscar Wilde and Oscar Levant. The "London" comes from his favorite city, and also from when he was an intern at the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis.

"As Dr. Cohn, I was a nonentity. There were 14 Dr. Cohns," he says in his confidential manner. "But there was just one Dr. Stanley London. He was 6-foot-4, a basketball champion, handsome and a brilliant orthopedic surgeon. I always said if there's a chance to come around again, I'm coming back as Stanley London."

In a way, Cohn has come around again. At age 70, the El Cerrito man has just published his fourth book of humorous essays having to do with the medical profession.

But they aren't your average humorous essays. They are snortingly funny, and their wit is superseded only by Cohn's exceedingly clever turns of phrase. The book titles will



BOB PEPPING/STAFF

IT DOESN'T take X-ray vision to see that Dr. Arlan Cohn — aka Dr. Oscar London — has a way with humor. He's written four books of essays that keep readers laughing.

tip you off to his sense of humor: "Kill as Few Patients as Possible — and 56 Other Essays on How to Be the World's Best Doctor" (1987); "Take One as Needed — 50 Humorous Capsules for Temporary Relief of Misery Due to Low-Fat Diets, Safe Sex and Aerobics Exercises" (1989); "Dr. Generic Will See You Now — 33 Rules for Surviving Managed Care" (1996); and his current book, from which he'll be reading at Cody's on Telegraph in Berkeley Friday night. Most of the essays in the new book first appeared on the HealthCentral.com Web site.

All this writing doesn't mean that Cohn is neglecting his patients, who worship him. At his office near Alta Bates at lunchtime, he can't even get on an elevator without be-

ing accosted by a grateful patient, who brings him a huge plastic bag filled with Chinese delicacies.

Returning to his building later, he extricates his large frame from the car to wheel and deal with the garage man, who doesn't speak English (there's an essay devoted to a garage guy in one of his books) and as he does so, a passerby enthusiastically greets him, then comes to the driver's side, reaches in and, alarmingly, grabs a reporter's arm. "He's the best doctor I ever had," she says, fervently.

"I paid her \$80 to stop by at just that moment," Cohn jokes a few minutes later in the elevator to his second-floor office ("Too many doctors have been found dead at the tops of staircases," he says

solemnly, thus the elevator), where he insists on serving iced coffee in suspect plastic cups — graft given by pharmaceutical companies — and half of the "best brownie you'll ever eat" (this after a lunch of fries and egg salad sandwiches, which prompts a blissful soliloquy on the almost mystical comfort and perfection of the egg).

The son of a shirt salesman and a homemaker, Cohn grew up in St. Louis' "Jewish ghetto" during the Depression but described a pampered childhood. "I had all the junk food I could eat."

His interest leaned toward political science and journalism, but he let himself be talked into medicine by all his friends (one of whom's mother later set him up with his wife of 46 years). He did his residency at Stanford, then came to Berkeley in 1962.

"It's turned out to be a marvelous career, and you get better as a doctor if you've kept your marbles and your health. You've seen everything not three times but four or five times."

Cohn's devotion to his patients has earned him accolades from Town & Country magazine as one of the country's top doctors, as well as San Francisco magazine, which conducted a readers poll with the same result.

"I'm not all just fun and games," he says (albeit jovially). While the man may be among the wittiest in

the profession, he also oozes compassion and is not above giving frank advice on nonphysical issues. Early last week he bluntly counseled one of his patients to marry the man she was seeing.

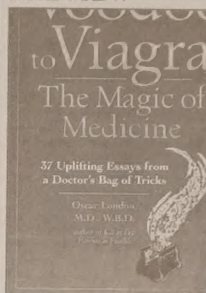
His past patients include literary luminaries such as Maya Angelou and the late Jessica Mitford

and Kay Boyle. And there is nothing more enjoyable for Cohn than to be able to discuss matters of the pen with fellow writers. Those patients who were English majors are particularly relished.

His books, however, have gotten him very few new patients, and that's just fine.

"They tend to compare the mythical Dr. London to their own doctors and come with high hopes and a trail of symptoms out to the horizon. I try to discourage that," he says but grins.

PREVIEW



- WHO: Dr. Oscar London
- WHAT: Reading from "From Voodoo to Viagra — The Magic of Medicine: 37 Uplifting Essays from a Doctor's Bag of Tricks"
- WHERE: Cody's Bookstore, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley
- WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday
- CALL: 510-845-7852

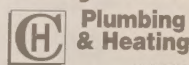
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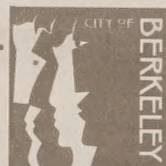
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Background: The East Bay Regional Park District, the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Coastal Conservancy have hired a consultant team to assist in the preparation of a plan for the new Eastshore State Park. Four regional workshops will be held at various stages of the Park planning process. The focus of the first regional workshop was a presentation of the Draft Resource Inventory* and a discussion of planning issues and opportunities.

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Opinion

Letter tells of living in Communist China

Relations between the United States and China have been strained due to that nation's downing of one of our intelligence gathering aircraft. In the short run at least, many Americans feel less kindly disposed toward the Chinese people.

This is unfortunate, as the governments that bungle nations into dangerous situations like this do not represent the vast majority of their citizens, who simply wish to remain at peace with the world and get on with their personal lives.

To illustrate this, I would like to share a letter from China from a Chinese woman whom my wife, Rae, and I had the pleasure of knowing when she was in this country. Her name is Yi. And she is the wife of Kexing, who for four years did advanced work in physics and other subjects at UC Berkeley.

Yi studied English at Berkeley Adult Education and worked cleaning houses. We needed help, and a friend recommended her highly. Yi not only did excellent work, but became a friend and attentive student of my wife's efforts to improve her English.

Last year, Yi and her husband went home to live. Now both have jobs with the department of physics at Sichuan University in Chengdu. I reprint her letter—which she terms a "report"—exactly as written. It is a charming vignette of life in a country which is becoming increasingly important to us, whether we like it or not.

"Yi's Report From China: On July 20 after 24 hours away from home, I arrived at Chengdu Airport. The weather was so hot and humid that felt uncomfortable. Kexing took me to the new home with nothing in it, but two soaked bowls in the sink, they had been there for at least a month. That is Kexing! Ha! Ha! Ha!

"The next day we bought a brand new bed, an electric fan and a washer. We were just about to try it, the electric power went off and later the water went off too. We couldn't use either of them. So... we were back to "nature" for two days. (Because people has more money these days, a lot of them have air conditioners for the summer, but the old poor electrified wire netting in Sichuan University is always over worked, once a while it'll take a day off.) What a welcome!

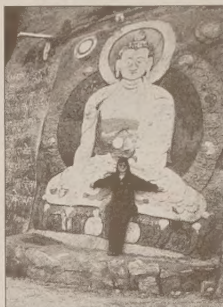
"We decided to go for the adventure! A day later we arrived in Tibet and stayed for 15 days. That was wonderful. The next day back from Tibet we made another trip to Beijing to visit my parents. A friend of mine picked us up at the airport and drive us around city, after that he took us all the way to parent's house. They were so glad and made a big dinner for us. Also I went visited the Beijing TV Station (the place I used to work for)

"Most of the colleagues there are still remember me. We stayed for another 15 days in Beijing. Beijing has been changing a lot, I only recognize Tian An Men (the Gate of Heavenly Peace). There are many tall buildings, but no trees. Everywhere is gray; the blue sky is gone. It is so easy to pollute a city, but unfortunately it is not that easy at all to get back what we lost.

"Back from Beijing, we bought more things, the Sony



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Man About Town



YI VISITS the Sara Monastery in Tibet.

17-inch monitor for the computer, the laser printer, the scanner, the TV, the refrigerator... When we went shopping, I just miss the little Honda that I used to have when I was in Berkeley. Now we have an office in the big room with a balcony, the bedroom is smaller; the other is guest room, good enough for two of us. The three bedroom apartment that we are going to buy, will be done at the end of the year.

"After the summer break, we both started to work for the department of physics of Sichuan University. This semester I am working on building up the database for the departmental management and updating the web pages of our department.

"Kexing is offering seminars on physics in nuclear medicine. This is a new subject to him, so he had to study and acquire some knowledge of it before he walks into the classroom. Besides the job, to the Chinese style doing business and their pace. My goodness! I'm always busy as a bee."

The Humps are Coming: When our son, Dixon, was a little boy, he once ran into the house shouting, "Mommy! Daddy! There's a worm coming!" And sure enough, there was a worm crawling down the street. And now the speed humps—the technical term for what most call speed bumps—are one step closer to starting their crawl over the border from Berkeley into Albany.

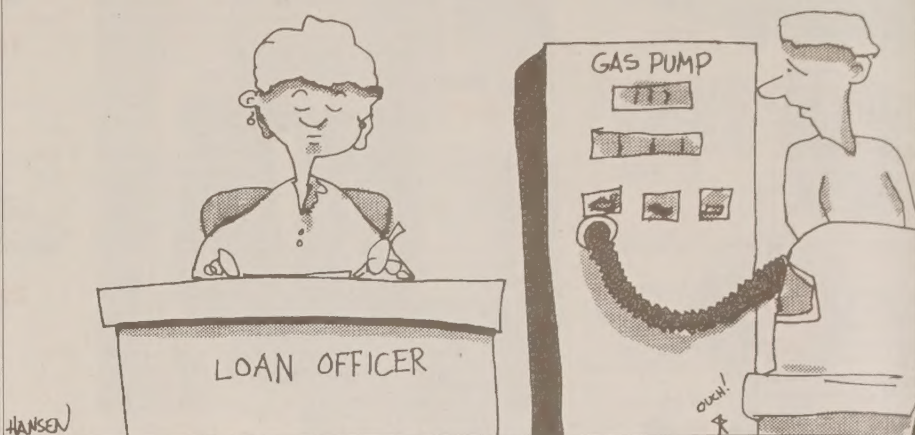
Many residents from the southern end of Santa Fe Avenue and Curtis Street urged the Albany Traffic and Safety Commission at its last meeting to go forward with plans to slow traffic on their streets. Speed humps were the "traffic calming" means of choice, although some other measures were suggested.

To nobody's great surprise, the commission accepted a late petition to calm traffic on Santa Fe between Marin Avenue and Berkeley border. In order to qualify for humping, at least 60 percent of the residents of the segment of the street affected must sign the petition.

The capacity crowd in City Hall Council Chambers heard many horror stories of the speeding and on Santa Fe. Lisa O'Reilly of Santa Fe Avenue said speeders constituted "a huge risk." "It's like a race

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IT COULD HAPPEN THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to teachers and the school board

An open letter to Albany teachers, school district and Board of Education, from concerned Albany parents and community members:

The time has come to end the current contract dispute! On behalf of our children we plead with all sides to reach a reasonable compromise. We are deeply concerned that prolonging this dispute is inflicting serious harm on our community and hurting our children. We care deeply about our schools and we do not want to see them torn any further apart or our relationships with each other damaged any more.

Please step toward each other and work TOGETHER to reach an agreement. Our district faces big challenges, and it is absolutely critical that we join together to meet them. Our children need us to work hard, with respect for one another and in good faith to resolve our differences. They deserve nothing less.

Dolores Dalton, Kevin Bastian, Darleen Young, Edna Shipley, Barbara and Bob Guletz, Diane and Arturo Taboada, Cheryl Ziperstein, Sandy and Dieter Bender, Merry Selk, Pasquale Mariniello, Nancy Ulmer, Steve Schultz, Gary Croner, Frank and Karen McKeown, Liz Moxon, John Bozek, Brian Greenwood, Victor and Kati Markowitz, Bob Menzimer, Meg Griffith, Susan Kellogg, Charlie Blanchard, Janet and Rick Seltzer, Piers Cirillo, Craig Thompson, Geoff and Patty Chin, Teresa and Kevin Lew, Kathy Schermerhorn-Cousens, Gwen Whittle, Jacques Berchten, Marilyn Jossens, Belinda Lum, Giulia Hill, Ronnie Davis, Rebecca Angel, Phillip and Karen Moss, Sally and Mark Griffith, Debbie Knesal, Judy Kerr, Barbara Ridley, Victoria Lee Moy, Russell Moy, Eileen Haddidan, Rom Rosenblum, Debby Graudenz, Karen Carlson-Olson, Hank Olson, Deborah Krow, David Boniske, Mary and Richard Gates, Scott and Jude Miller, Karen and Eric Larson, Amy Freeman, Charlie Prins, Helene and Gary Class, Sue and James Kwak, Linda Okamoto, Alan Nakasato, Gale Williams, Jane Green, Jean and John Royson, Meredith Klein, Roger Carlsen, Carol Sly, Sue Mellers, Mark Meldgin

Richmond Annex concerns are legitimate

The May 5 Journal article "Developer to appeal decision" distorts some of the public input at the El Cerrito Planning Commission public hearing, regarding the proposed 162-unit mixed-use project for the El Cerrito Mill & Lumber site. Interviews of only the developer and Planning Commission chair do not give an accurate view of some reasons why the proposal was denied.

I attended the Planning Commission hearing, and as a Richmond Annex resident I support the mixed-use project to

gether with the Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council that represents approximately 650 members. Their Richmond Annex Planning/Zoning and Streets/Traffic Committees have carefully studied the proposal and have even conducted some research. Our group supports the project with some reasonable modifications and a few provisions added to the project's conditional use permit.

This particular portion of San Pablo Ave. and surrounding area is unique compared to other portions of San Pablo Ave. Compared to the 135-unit mixed-use Del Norte Apartments adjacent to Home Depot, the proposed 162-unit mixed-use project will be directly adjacent to the Richmond Annex single-family neighborhoods (a more sensitive land use area). The building fronting San Pablo Ave. proposes a minimal zero- to 3-foot front setback, whereas the Del Norte and El Cerrito Civic Plaza Apartments are less intrusive with greater front setbacks and more landscaping.

Reduced front setback on San Pablo Ave. and a proposed 45-foot building height with two added towers, gives the building a much stronger presence than the other complexes. Narrowing the width of Kearney Street from 46 to 24 feet also illustrates the developer's desire to overbuild the site.

At least 25 Richmond Annex homes will lose their view of the El Cerrito hills if the 45-foot height and towers are approved. A 40-foot height was suggested by the Annex as a reasonable compromise.

Parking is a major concern because the developer proposes sharing parking spaces with residential and retail tenants. If high volume businesses occupy the building, where do residents park when they return from work during weekdays? Where do customers park on the weekends? In the surrounding neighborhood, of course. This form of shared parking is atypical. The project doesn't even provide residential guest and retail employee parking. Shifting some of the apartment units from building 1 to buildings 2, 3, and 4 would, at the very least, provide the minimum retail parking.

Tehama Avenue in the Richmond Annex, opposite Schmidt Lane at San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito gives the 162 multiple-family units and retail traffic direct access to I-80 freeway ramps on Carlson Blvd. Traffic solutions will definitely be needed to lessen impacts on single-family residential streets.

These are just some of the concerns that we feel are legitimate. We shop in El Cerrito and our child goes to school in El Cerrito. We are doing our best to work with the city, to achieve reasonable modifications and fair compromise.

Rollin and Pam Coville
Richmond Annex

The towers were a recommendation of the Design Review Board and making a "pedestrian-oriented, slow street" of Kearney is called for in the General Plan.

Support proposed earned income tax credit

Support AB 106, a State of California

earned income tax credit.

Most families who have left welfare still live in poverty. The number of full-time, year-round workers with incomes below the poverty line is increasing nationally.

A state EITC would provide \$572 for households with two or more children and a full-time minimum wage worker. It would provide extra income for families to make needed repairs to automobiles, replace household appliances and pay off debts.

The bottom 20 percent of California taxpayers bear a disproportionate burden of state and local taxes, paying at a rate 55 percent greater than is paid by the upper 1 percent. One quarter of California's children are poor, the 40th worst rate in the nation.

The state has spent money on tax cuts that have done little to support working families. The state EITC would cost the state approximately \$610 million per year compared to the Vehicle License Fee refund (VLF) which has cost the state \$5.4 billion since 1998, \$3.6 billion 2000-2001 alone.

Please support a California EITC.
Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

Don't repeat a failed experiment

For those of you who think it's a good idea to eliminate a lane from Marin Avenue, I have two words for you: "Milvia Street."

If you drive down Milvia Street in Berkeley, you'll find a slow, dangerously narrow street with few bicycles and fewer cars. Twenty years ago when I arrived in Berkeley, Milvia Street was a fully functioning street that served as an alternative to Martin Luther King Way (then called Grove Street). Berkeley politicians came up with the idealistic, though naive, idea of transforming Milvia north of University Avenue into a "slow street," thereby allowing bicycles, cars, and pedestrians to all share the road. After tens of thousands of dollars were spent narrowing the road and adding a bike lane, the road became what it is today: too slow for cars, too dangerous for bicycles and pedestrians, and a massive waste of time and money that has only clogged up Martin Luther King Way. Just try navigating MLK at rush hour and you'll contemplate what folly it was to lose Milvia as a major thoroughfare.

Albany politicians seem to want to copy the Milvia experiment and turn Marin Avenue into another nonfunctioning street that will only clog up Solano Avenue. The next time you try to drive down Solano at any time of day, biting your nails trying to get down that sleepy road, imagine how much fun it will be when Marin Avenue is narrowed!

The solution to crowded roads is not eliminating the ones that we do have. The Bay Area is clogged with cars. Reducing access to Marin Avenue will only worsen the situation.

Stacy Taylor
Albany

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— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

ALBANY PTA NEWS

Albany PTA Council

■ May 21, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

MacGregor High School

■ May 24, open house, 7 p.m.

Albany High School

■ Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Ruth Gjerde at ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu

■ May 23, Spring Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., AHS Little Theater

■ June 1, Senior Awards Assembly & Luncheon, Veterans' Memorial Building

■ June 4, PTA Meeting, 7 PM, AHS Library, Election of 2001-2 Officers

■ June 11, Site Council Meeting, 6 PM, AHS Office Conference Room

■ June 11, Band Boosters Meeting, 7 PM, AHS Band Room

■ June 15, Senior Boat Cruise following graduation, 11:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m., four adult chaperones needed, e-mail Becca Sanchez at beccas@pacbell.net

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for Nontime Supervision, 11:35-12:20 for sixth grade, 12:30-1:15 for seventh and eighth grades, if available any day, call Sara Danielson at 558-3600 or e-mail sarad@albany.k12.ca.us

■ **Volunteers Needed** to provide teacher treats May 25 If you can bring bagels and cream cheese, muffins, fruit or vegetable trays, call Karen McKee at 415-262-9636 (work) or kzmkeown@yahoo.com

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Cornell Elementary

■ May 19, Silly Olympics, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Marin Elementary

■ May 24, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

■ **Berkeley Bowl, Ranch 99 Market and Natural Grocery** paper SCRIP for sale Monday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 9 and 9:30 to 10 a.m. Orders can be placed in office at any time. Albertson's Community Partners

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Ocean View

■ May 31, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

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■ **RECYCLE** used computer printer cartridges from your

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Board of Education

May 22, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

AUSD Calendar

May 28, Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL

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EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

Adams Middle School

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■ May 22, Band Concert - 7:00p.m. in the Gym.

Join Adams PTA - Membership is only \$6. Checks are payable to "Adams PTA". Please mail all checks to Adams PTA, 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805.

The Adams library is collecting empty computer ink jet cartridges (the small ink jet cartridges - black and/or color; no laser cartridges or copier toner cartridges). There is a collection bucket in the library on the third floor.

Anyone who shops at Albertson's can help us by using the Albertson Community Partner card. There is no cost to the member. If you are interested in receiving a card, please send a note to the Adams PTA at 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805 and a card will be sent to you. We are also participating in the Target Guest Card and eScrip program (Adams ID#4654695). If you are interested in helping, please call the PTA voice message line or send an email message to cchan2429@aol.com.

PTA E-mail - Weekly PTA bulletins are being sent. If you know any friends or neighbors who might be interested, please send your email address to Connie Chan Kucera at

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Adams: PTA Voice Message line is (510) 464-1360, ext 70. Call this number to hear the weekly bulletins. Pass on this phone number to people who do not have email.

Read about Adams on the Internet: Access the PTA newsletter at <http://www.elcerritowire.com> and type "Adams Middle School" in the search box. Access the student newspaper, the Falcon Flyer at: <http://www.highwired.net/Paper/PageOne/0,1859,964,00.html>

Castro Elementary

May 24, Family Night Potluck - 5:00p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

June 6, Carnival - 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

June 12, Celebration of Terri Kelly's teaching career. Mrs. Kelly will be retiring this June after many years at Castro. All former students and their families are invited to join Mrs. Kelly and the Castro PTA for dessert and reflections on a great teaching career. 7:00p.m. in the library. For more information call Sheryl at 232-1325, Linda at 237-6183 or Karen at 233-4899.

Fundraisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

El Cerrito High

May 23-25, Mainstage Production: "Romeo and Juliet" - 8:00p.m., ECHS Little Theater. Admission at the door.

May 31, Symphonic and Concert Band performances, 8:00p.m. in the cafeteria. Admission: \$5.00 Adults, \$2.00 children OR bring baked goods for our bake sale.

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rolled in the eScrip program. Our group ID is 5221087. Individual members pay an annual fee of \$10 to register their Safeway loyalty or other credit cards with eScrip. A percentage of the supporters' purchases is contributed by the merchant partner to ECHS PTSA on a monthly basis. Participating merchants are: Safeway, Andronico's, Cody's Books, Chevron, Old Navy, Eddie Bauer, and Payless Shoes. You may register online at www.escripinc.com or look for registration forms at various school events. Any questions, call Cheryl Black 527-7070(days) or 237-1696(eve).

Want to be kept informed of all events, activities, tests date, college info, etc.? Join the ECHS email forum. All school notices will be emailed to you. To sign up, please email Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@home.com. Be sure to specify that you would like to be added to the ECHS email forum.

Portola Middle School

May 24, All District Music Festival - 7:00p.m. in the Gym.

May 29, Music Parents and PTA meetings - 6:30p.m. and 7:15p.m. in the library. Dessert potluck - all are welcome including incoming parents, bring a dessert to share.

May 30, Dance Department performance and Dessertluck - 7:00p.m. in the gym.

June 2, American Cancer So-

ciety Relay for Life, ECHS track.

June 5, Portola Bands concert - 7:00p.m. in the gym.

June 13, Eighth grade promotion night, 7:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. in the gym.

July 26, Tentative PTA meeting - planning for fall 2001

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Stege Elementary

June 2, Carnival - 10a.m. to 2p.m. All are invited for fun and games.

WCCUSD Calendar

May 28, Memorial Day Holiday - all students and staff.

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or email: ltakimoto@yahoo.com

Cleary

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it belongs in Las Vegas, the inn exemplifies wine country elegance and pays homage to the area's architectural history. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, it's a Victorian complex of 66 individually decorated rooms that feature local art.

The spa, herb garden, quirky sculptures, steak-happy Saddies restaurant, friendly staff and the best darned robes ever to hang in a hotel's room's closet won us over. And, of course, we could walk to the Square.

Saturday morning, we met up with Doug (aka "Bikeman") and Penny McKesson for a bicycle tour and picnic. They recently sold their local bicycle shop to concentrate on providing custom and packaged tours. The new company is called Good Time Touring Company (707-938-0453, www.bikemantours.com). By the way, food and wine play a major part in their plans.

Like Bill Lynch, Doug is chockfull of local lore, which he shared with us as we pedaled our way through town, out to Gundlach-Bundschu Winery (707-996-7594) for a cave tour and wine tasting and, later, to an idyllic spot in the hills for a gourmet picnic - the highlight of the day - prepared by Penny, Mary Ann and I are new to bicycling, so this easy-going Sonoma tour was perfect.

At Gundlach-Bundschu, we ran into Jim Bundschu readying an area for the Easter Sunday as-

sembly of multi-generational Bundschus. If not making wine, Jim would probably be a professional prankster. Their tasting room is dedicated to their wines, Sonoma history and his mischievous sense of humor. It's a worthy stop when wine tasting.

Another recommended stop was the last on our bike tour: Castle Vineyards and Winery (707-996-1966) is operated by Vic McWilliams and Erin McClary. They make a number of good wines, but their Pinot Noir is special.

So what makes Sonoma work for us? The ideal house might, indeed, be all about location, location, location. This recent Easter weekend, we learned that for that special location to work, it must be all about people, people, people. That's the charm of Sonoma.

(In my last column, I wrote about our challenging run in the Marin Headlands. Before the run, Mary Ann, while observing the youthful appearance of the other runners, jokingly commented that we probably would win in our age divisions. Guess what? We did. Just the other day two winner's ribbons arrived in the mail. Don't ask how many other competitors were in our division.)

Mike Cleary's column appears every other week in this newspaper. He and his wife, Mary Ann, co-host "The Food and Travel Enthusiasts" radio program at 10 a.m. Sundays on KABL, 960 AM. Readers can e-mail Mike at mcleary@960kabl.com.

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Park

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ways sure to come up" at such meetings, Schafer said afterwards. But since they are considered "local" recreation, they don't fit into the "regional" definition of the park.

Still, he said, "We want to keep open to new ideas."

The East Bay Regional Park District's plans to develop the park, which extends from Emeryville to Richmond, is one of a slew of projects included in the 2000-01 budget signed by Gov. Gray Davis last fall.

The project is receiving \$2.8 million in funds to go towards planning, design and environmental review of the 1,800 acres of park land. Eventually, the project will need to find new grants to fund the actual development of the park, which comprise the park, Schafer said.

The biggest information-swapping session yet took place at an April 26 workshop. The meeting, which drew some 250 people from the surrounding area, served mainly as a means of gathering opinions of residents.

While Mayor Allan Maris said, "They didn't tell me anything I didn't know already," he added presenters "did a good job educating" the public on the process.

Councilwoman Peggy Thomson agreed, calling it informative on such issues as the biology of the waterfront area.

However, the "stakeholders," such as canoers, windsurfers, and kite-fliers, with interests in water access, facilities and other land-use issues, are no closer to knowing where they stand. What for some threatens to impose more regulations, others fear won't do enough.

Outside of public meetings, many people have used the park's Web site as a means to get their differing opinions across.

Phyllis Alvarez calls for facilities to support dragon boat launching and storage, while Rob Shapiro contends that fishing lines interfere with windsurfing access to the water.

Ernest Galvan, a resident of 20 years, states, "My vision is a park that promotes nature education

through active use of the waterfront in the form of kayaking, windsurfing, and small boat sailing."

Some concerns have nothing to do with either nature or recreation.

"Seabreeze is one of the main reasons I've been going to this park for the past year now," opines Eric Marko about the roadside sandwich shop near the highway. "Any future development plans for the area need to include it, with full participation of the original owners."

Another is providing outreach to minority groups who might be left out of the discussion.

In Berkeley, the plans will focus on the biggest chunk of state land in the city. That is the wedge between the freeway and the Marina, which currently does little more than provide a roadway to the waterfront.

Berkeley Waterfront Commission Chief Paul Kamen faults the workshop process with not representing different local interests equally. "I was disappointed because it wasn't a workshop at all," he said.

Kamen had hoped to roll up his sleeves and dive into the planning process, mapping out with others the potential uses of land. But state officials say they simply haven't reached that stage in the game.

The plan, albeit vague, is to continue collecting data throughout the summer and come up with something more definitive by the fall.

Meanwhile, larger organizations like the Sierra Club and CESP (Citizens for the Eastshore State Park) are also weighing in their opinions. CESP, for instance, emphasizes protecting land and water habitats, wetland restoration and ecological studies, and keeping "unnatural facilities" to a minimum.

In the end, measuring the importance of the many interests may be park developers' biggest challenge. The Eastshore Web site, for instance, says the opinions expressed by the public "will be considered during the development of a general plan" — not much of a guarantee, according to Kamen.

What has him worried is that the park will ultimately be planned with some interests re-

ceiving more consideration than those of less vocal entities, like kayakers.

Albany Waterfront Committee Chair James Schinnerer agreed that gauging what lies ahead is difficult. "They're saying, 'This is how the process works, but we can't tell you how it will happen,'" he said.

Given the assortment of opinions, park planners are sure to have their work cut out for them. Even without recreational issues to consider, territorial questions are sure to surface, as well.

"There are a lot of infrastructure questions, like making sure there's an easement for the Bay Trail, which extends from Albany to Berkeley through Golden Gate Fields," said Schinnerer. Public parking is another topic up for debate.

One question in Albany remains whether the "bulb" will become part of the park.

The city owns the tip of the bulb, a landfill on the water, but leases it to the park district. The district owns the "plateau," or base section of the site at the shoreline.

City officials continue to assert their hope that both will eventually be absorbed by the park, but Schafer said about Monday's meeting liability concerns remain.

The landfill was a popular dumping ground for old construction material such as huge chunks of concrete, walls of brick, slabs of asphalt until it was closed in 1984. "If there's any uneven concrete, or barb sticking out of the ground, I don't think anyone would argue that's safe," said Schafer. If there were any injuries on the landfill, the state would be liable.

The area is also up against some tough competition.

Currently, the bulb is competing with redwoods in Oakland and a site at Mount Diablo for a limited amount of state money.

An analysis of resources is in the works, which will be followed by the completion of a classification under state codes mid-summer, which will further define the park.

Since 1992 the park district has spent some \$30 million in conjunction with California Department of Parks and Recreation to acquire various properties that will make up the park, which encom-

passes parts of Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany and Richmond.

Other regional parks properties slated for renovations include the bathhouse at Lake Temescal in Oakland, Ferry Point at Miller-

Knox Regional Shoreline in Richmond, and the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve near Antioch. The completion of Alameda County's Iron Horse Regional Trail will absorb \$260,000, and conservation efforts at Diablo

Footfalls Regional park are scheduled to cost \$250,000.

In addition, the park district is partnering with Save Mt. Diablo by purchasing a 1,000-acre wildlife corridor between Mt. Diablo and Black Diamond Mines.

Plaza

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stores fell through when principal owner Regency Realty announced lease negotiations with those stores ended earlier this year. The southern part of the Plaza where the current smaller merchants are located will receive a face-lift to architecturally match the new northern part during Phase II reconstruction.

Some of the small business owners leaving the Plaza are doing so with hard feelings. Others are not and emphasize they have no problem with Regency.

"We've always known we would have to leave; we have always been temporary," said Jean Thompson, owner of A Crafter's Corner. The shop has been at the Plaza for the past three-and-a-half years and currently provides space for about 30 crafters to display and sell their wares. "The landlord has been very good to us," Thompson said. She said the eviction notice was not a surprise. "We always knew we would have to leave when this (reconstruction) got underway."

But the eviction notices and other notices from the Plaza owners were more of a problem for others.

Beadazzled owner Lillian Leung said she was upset when she first got an eviction notice, but is now happy with the planned new Lafayette location. "They just gave me an eviction letter," she said of Regency. "They didn't want to negotiate." Leung said she was told there were "no vacancies at this time."

"They told me they had two big tenants coming in," and needed the space of the current smaller merchants, Leung said.

Thomas Engberg, senior vice president of investments with Regency Realty in Walnut Creek, said confidentiality concerns limit what can be publicly discussed

about the Plaza leases. "As much as we would like to lay our cards out on the table, we have confidentiality agreements and a policy of confidentiality when it comes to lease negotiations," Engberg said. He emphasized that both new and existing tenants are covered under the confidentiality agreements.

Engberg is forcing the existing smaller Plaza merchants out of the shopping center. "We have discussed ongoing occupancies with the tenants in the Plaza," Engberg said. "Many of them are not accustomed to the current rental rates and therefore can't afford to stay. If a tenant regards that as being kicked out, then I can't help if that's what they think." He said Regency is seeking market rates for space at the Plaza. "For us to afford to put into this property the money that we're putting into it, we have to get market rents. With some of the tenants that's real sticker shock."

Engberg said that the Abe Pacetti, the Plaza's on-site manager, will represent Regency at Monday's City Council. "He will probably read a statement that I will have written," Engberg said.

Montoya of Plaza Beauty Supplies and Salon said the Plaza owners wanted him to change to a full-service salon with a very limited number of beauty supplies for sale. "They gave me an option because they need this site here for the larger retailers," Montoya said.

"The option was for me to move to another location in the Plaza under strict regulations," he added. "They told me that Longs is restricting, this is their wording, that Longs is restricting a beauty supply store — they're restricting the retail."

Montoya said retail sales of beauty supplies is a big part of his business and that these owner restrictions and conditions

for a full-service salon will not work for him. "I tried having a pedicurist/manicurist here," Montoya said. "Sara's (Nail Salon) is right down the street there with 12 or 15 people who do nails. It didn't do well here; there's no demand for it here."

"I've decided I'm not going to continue here in the Plaza," Montoya said. "There are too many restrictions. I've been patient enough; I've been here for 2-3 years with the high rent and the high common-area fees and everything else. There were never any breaks so I'm done." The store is currently having a clearance sale and will close at the end of the month, Montoya said. He is looking for a new location in El Cerrito, Albany or Berkeley.

Steve Zhou, owner of Plaza Coin Laundry, said Regency has told him it will not help him with relocation expenses. Zhou fears that because of the large relocation costs, he may have to close up shop after his lease expires next year.

Councilman Mark Friedman said he asked City Manager Scott Hanin to place the matter of losing some longtime Plaza merchants on the council's agenda. "We will have a full discussion of the issue of the merchants in the Plaza at our next City Council meeting," Friedman said at last week's meeting.

"All of us, I think, have been getting letters and e-mails with regards to the situation of the long-term tenants there," said Mayor Larry Damon. "The city possibly can influence it a little bit, but it's private property and private enterprise and how much influence the city bears, I guess we're going to find out," Damon said.

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Greer

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track," she said. "Even the buses go by at 45 miles an hour."

Santa Fe resident David Goldberg said the speeders made him so angry that he had thrown apples from his tree at them. He claimed the street was very unsafe for children and "just like a landing strip at an airport."

Curtis Street residents also spoke of speeding problems and fears for children. This street runs parallel to the section of Santa Fe where humps are sought. If it were not humped as well, there is an expectation that at least some traffic would be diverted on to it by the humping of Santa Fe.

However, not all speakers were in favor of the traffic impeding devices. Neilson Street

resident Shanna O' Hare said that since Berkeley had humped its end of the street, there was "more racing than ever." She said speed humps "just pushed the problem around," and they were likely to wind up on every street in town.

Another Neilson resident, Dwight Willard, agreed, saying that traffic was likely to be driven from Curtis Street to his street. "Neilson is narrower than Curtis," he told the commissioners, and I have had two of my cars wrecked while parked. Humps on Curtis will make it more hazardous."

The commission will prioritize these and other petitions for calming measures and make recommendations to the City Council regarding their approval.

Police Story: At the above meeting, several citizens spoke of the need for increased law en-

forcement to reduce speeding, one claiming that Albany is known for not enforcing speeding laws. Lt. Greg Bone, who is in charge of all patrol operations for the Albany Police Department, told the group that "Traffic enforcement is the number one priority of the department. We give out between 180 and 400 citations for moving violations a month, but we have a minimal, bare-bones operation."

Bone said the department now was using the new Lidar laser units which are more effective on speeders than the old radar units. According to Bone, the unit is in extensive use on Marin and Santa Fe avenues and Buchanan and Pierce streets, as is the Mobile Speed Zone machine that shows cars their speed.

In a subsequent interview, Bone told me that the depart-

ment has a minimum of three cars out at all times, four cars 40 to 50 percent of the time, and sometimes, when shifts overlap, as many as six or even seven. The force has been short one man since last September, when an officer was assigned to Albany High School as School Resource Officer.

"Due to this, we will have been picking up overtime pay for 10 months by the time his re-

placement is through training in June," Bone stated. "A city can get a reputation for traffic enforcement, but it has to pay for that reputation in overtime." Bone listed eight different reasons, including sickness, vacations, and court appearances, that legitimately take officers off patrol. It is a difficult juggling operation to keep those police cars rolling with a small force and a small budget.

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Professor's studies range from largest trees to smallest fungi

Mo-Mei Chen is a professor and a long-time visiting scholar at UC Berkeley, with a career that has included many discoveries, years of work and living in virgin forests, investigations into natural phenomena with scientists from other disciplines, and recognition by her peers.

She smilingly calls herself a tree doctor, but her work is research into forest pathology, the study of diseases in trees. And she specializes in mycology, the study of fungi, or mushrooms. As one writer has said, "Equipped with microscopes and a conviction to tap nature's healing powers, Professor Chen has spent her entire career investigating the world of fungi and trying to defend trees against bacterial attack."

So Mo-Mei Chen spent years in the virgin forests of China studying the rust that attacks sugar pine trees and also worked on the sugar pine tree rust in California, as well as the Dutch elm disease in Wisconsin.

She led an expedition that went in search of the metasequoia glyptostroboides, better known as the dawn redwood, the ancestor of our own beloved redwoods.

When the dawn redwood was first found and recognized, "It was like finding a dinosaur alive!" wrote science editor Milton Silverman, of the S.F. Chronicle. The Save The Redwoods League sent several expeditions into China to study the last few groves of the trees. One of these expeditions was led by Mo-Mei Chen, a research associate at the University of Beijing and Jepson Herbaria, UC Berkeley, and professor of forest pathology, Chinese Academy of Forestry, Beijing.

Another member of the party was Ang-He Zhang, Professor of Forest Management, Chinese Academy of Forestry, Beijing, and Mo-Mei Chen's

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husband. She speaks of the long journey into Chinese forests to see the last few remaining dawn redwood trees. There is a great deal of work being done in special nurseries where saplings are growing and dawn redwood farms are being planted. But the few dawn redwoods from which these seeds were harvested are in need of protection by the Chinese government and organizations such as Save The Redwoods.

She has been part of other expeditions. One of them went to Alaska to study the results of the global warming there. She speaks of rivers rising several inches, so that the water covers the roots and part of the bole of the surrounding trees. The water prevents the roots from getting the oxygen that they need to live, and therefore many trees are dying.

And she went to the Himalayas with a group of 400 scientists taking a scientific survey.

And her studies of mushrooms have become more and more important to her. She often gives talks and slide shows about mushrooms, their medicinal features, their increasingly appreciated contribution to the cuisine of many cultures, and, of course, the psychedelic and the poisonous. But mostly she

focuses on helping mushroom farmers protect their delicate crops from pests and decay. And more and more, she has been studying their medicinal properties. She and her students are trying to raise awareness of mushrooms' nutritional and commercial value.

Mo-Mei Chen was born in Beijing to a family already famous. Her grandfather was chancellor of Beijing University. He was also a famous poet and calligrapher. Her father, too, was a professor, and well known and respected in China. Mo-Mei is also a calligrapher, having been taught by her father. She went to college in the Beijing Agricultural University, in the Department of Plant Protection. She met her husband there, where he was studying Forest Management. After many years as a professor in Beijing, she was invited by the University of Wisconsin to come as a visiting scholar to study the Dutch elm disease. After two years there, she was invited by UC Berkeley also as a visiting scholar, and "The university keeps me here as an expert on forest pathology."

Mo-Mei Chen and her husband, Ang-He Zhang, have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Two granddaughters and two grandsons. They live in Albany.

In our conversation and in the many articles she has given me to read, Professor Chen's accomplishments with trees and their diseases and with her study of fungi have brought her a great deal of recognition, and she enjoys it. She showed me her certificate from the American Phytopathological Society and other articles and letters. Also some of the articles she has written, particularly on the mushroom. I have three pamphlets on fungi treasures and notices of talks and slide shows she has given on the "Marvelous Mushroom"

She is a fascinating woman, quiet but willing to chat, with a dry wit and a deep appreciation of people, as well as her beloved trees and mushrooms.

I met Mo-Mei Chen at a gathering at Gateview, and found her so interesting, I had to follow up. I am so glad I did. As always, I invite you to give me your ideas; interesting people, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

Get silly on Saturday at school's 'Silly Olympics'

Come and join in the general silliness and tomfoolery at the annual Cornell School Silly Olympics, on the playground of the school at 920 Talbot Ave. at the intersection of Talbot and Solano, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. This fair features incredibly funny games like The Principal's New Clothes, Coyote 500, Flamingo Golf, The Maze, Sticky Student, Bobbing for Donuts, In Your Face (Pudding Toss), Spring Fling, Coyote Corral and others.

There will be face painting and a silly hatmaking booth. All

this is included in the price of admission for kids. Adults are, of course, admitted for free. However, adults should come prepared to participate in the always outstanding silent auction.

For Cornell students the price of admission is \$10, which includes the award-winning T-shirt designed by fifth grader, Reese Blanchard. Non-Cornell will be admitted for \$5 (no T-shirt). The organization sponsoring the T-shirt production is the Fishman Financial Group, which the school thanks for its generosity.

Retired educators announce scholarship winners

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Albany plans observance for Memorial Day

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The ceremony honoring those who have died in service to our

country will include brief speeches and trumpet music, with attendance by Mayor Allan Maris, and members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

For more information, contact Albany City Hall at 510-528-5718.

Contest

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Chan said.

At times unexpected challenges arise during the live cook-off, such as ovens or microwaves not working properly.

Offbeat regional and national competitions are held for recipes with every type of food item imaginable, from a kudzu to dandelions.

Farmer John spokeswoman Heather Nevesky says, "People don't realize how hard the contest is. They're going to be cooked out." Contestants chosen in each category have to spend the day remarking their recipes for the final round.

Novices may succumb to pressure, but for Chan the real point

is to have a good time. "You're a winner just by being selected. If you get too uptight, it's no fun," she said.

Some eye-catching entries? There's the bacon corn meal waffle for the breakfast category, and there's one called peppy pork pagoda pastries. "Culinary experts looked over the selections," she said. "Farmer John handles the judging."

The quick and easy category is one of the more recent additions in recipe contests, an acknowledgment of modern households' increasing time constraints. Basically, the less time required, the better.

Still, Chan isn't sad to wave her creation good-bye. "I just think, 'This one's over. What's the next one?'" she said.

Jeweler

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pay for them later," and what began as a watch shop eventually expanded to include other items.

The profit from diamonds and cultured pearls kept enough income to pay for the overhead, though, and making it was never a problem.

The family bought a house across the street from Thousand Oaks school, and their three daughters, Julie, Amy and Jane attended Berkeley schools.

When he was single, Yamashiro's friends would stop over to dine in the store. After his marriage, his children would also hang out and greet customers. Mrs. Yamashiro recalled a night when one of their daughters fell asleep at the store. Instead of waking her, the whole family decided to camp out instead.

Yamashiro was responsible for a few trends in the business. He started closing the business on

Monday's, his wife claims, and other jewelers followed suit.

One of the most memorable for the family, however, is the socializing that went on between jewelers in the 1950s and 60s.

Yamashiro was never a workaholic and he wasn't very active in local politics, but he liked to talk to people. A favorite hobby was bowling at Albany Bowl and golfing on the weekends.

He was active in the Lions Club for 20 years, and he decided there would be less negative competition and more sharing of information between businesses if people got to know one another better.

That started a tradition of regular dinners and social engagements among local business owners. The purpose was to hang out and swap information. If you didn't carry something but you knew a store up the street did, he figured, everyone would benefit.

Don Accornero of Oak Jewelers, up the street, recalls the days when his father, Henry Ac-

cornero, was a regular at the get-togethers.

"It was probably as much social as anything, but they had a good working relationship," he said. "If we had a watch we needed for one of our customers or vice versa, we'd send it to each other."

The meetings weren't work-oriented. "It was just guys sitting down to see how the others were doing," Accornero explains. "Sometimes their wives would also get together and chew the fat."

As times changed, the tradition eventually died out.

"I think maybe it's the way the old-timers used to do things. Maybe now they belong to Kwans or something like that," he said.

Over the years Yamashiro has seen a lot of other changes, as well. "Everything has upgraded a little," he said.

In addition, 14-karat diamonds are now preferred to 10 and 12-karat ones. The cost of gold has gone up ten-fold. And, with it, so has the crime.

That, not the neighboring competition, has been the biggest challenge for business. Richard's has been the victim of several burglaries and one armed robbery. Industry newsletters began informing shop-owners how to tighten security and what crime patterns to watch for.

Now, customers ring a door bell to get in.

Like the industry, the city has also changed somewhat. "Albany doesn't have the same small-town atmosphere it used to. People aren't looking out for their neighbors," he lamented.

The street has been modernized, there's more traffic, as well as restaurants and more diverse shops to draw people to Albany's shopping strip.

People stop in and wonder what they are going to do with the store gone. But Yamashiro doesn't plan on referring people to any specific business, fearing it might cause tension among other owners.

"He tried to promote friendship," said Mrs. Yamashiro.

Relay

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a group to volunteer. "I'll find a friendly place to put them," she said of the individual volunteer walker.

"Last year we raised \$16,000 with eight teams; so this year we've got 10 teams and I'm hoping maybe we'll raise \$20,000," Jordan said. She said the money will go to cancer research, cancer education and awareness and for direct services to cancer patients.

The relay begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, and goes for 24 hours until 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 3. There will be a luncheon ceremony beginning at 8:26 p.m. Saturday, June 2 as part of the

event. Candles are lit around the track in honor of survivors and in memory of those who have passed on. Each bag, filled with sand and a candle, bears the name of someone challenged by cancer. Those names will be read aloud as the sun sets Saturday evening.

There will also be a 9 a.m. complimentary light buffet breakfast for survivor's which will be followed by a survivors' victory lap around the track to kick off the event Saturday.

Call Jordan at 525-2608 to join a Relay For Life team or for more information about how you can help this worthy cause. E-mail Jordan at janicejor@aol.com. For more information about the survivors' breakfast and victory lap, call Joann Steck-Bayat at 524-9464. E-mail her at jsbayat@home.com.

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Section B

Weekly Home Sales Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B4]

Open Home Guide See what's on sale in your neighborhood [B10]



Moderation replaces frantic growth

BY MARK ATTARHA
BETTER HOMES REALTY

The Oakland housing market experienced enormous appreciation during the past several years. As job growth continues to outstrip construction, the market will remain strong even as high-tech employees continue to lose high-paying jobs following the sell-off of technical stocks in late 2000.

Moderation is now replacing last year's frantic pace. I believe this will benefit the local economy in the end. Given the current market conditions, the majority of Bay Area home sellers should expect slower growth through the rest of 2001 as the market adjusts to the exuberant growth of the past several years and this year's slower economy.

In anticipation of the continuing slowdown, sellers must put their homes on the market earlier rather than later in the year. This may increase inventory. A single open

see GROWTH on page B2

Oakland Rose Garden home rich in family history

BY ADRIANNE NASH
PRUDENTIAL CALIFORNIA REALTY

When Charles and Jessie Christensen decided to build a home, they purchased a lot in the Pleasant Valley Tract of Piedmont Terrace in today's Rose Garden neighborhood in Oakland.

By 1913 Charles and Jessie had hired architect A.W. Smith and contractor-builder Chris Texdahl. Charles Christensen worked in the building trade, as the manager of Pacific Building Materials.

Some time in 1915, the Christensens had moved into their new home. A few years later Charles opened his own business, Building Materials Specialties on Franklin Street in Oakland, and he and Jessie then moved to a home at 1901 Franklin St.

In February 1917, the Christensens sold the home to two sisters, Edna and Lucy Maxwell. Lucy taught at Franklin School in Oakland. In 1936, the Maxwells sisters had the upstairs open porch enclosed to create a large sun room with walls of windows on three sides offering outstanding panoramas of the Oakland and Piedmont hills.

The home's spacious floor plan and flow lend themselves well as a haven for families with children, or a home for someone who needs extra space to work at home.

The sisters lived in the home until July 1952. The Maxwells sold it to another set of sisters, Antonia and Rose Schuster. The Schusters

see HOME on page B2

THE HOME, OFFERED AT \$599,000, will be held open this Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m. Call Adrienne Nash of Prudential California Realty at 510-763-4060.



ADRIANNE NASH

Classic 1910 estate open this Sunday



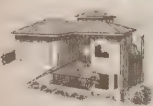
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DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY to see this home's magnificent grounds complete with oak trees, boulders and the Shaste Caves. This four-bedroom, three-bath home, above, complete with view, left, at 1865 Yosemite Rd. in Berkeley will be open this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. See page B2 for more information.

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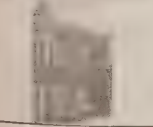
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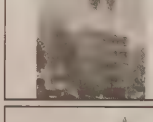


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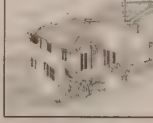
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house once generated half a dozen prospective buyers betting against each other — driving up the home's value. Now homes are typically attracting a single buyer wanting to negotiate the price. The ultimate selling price of a home rests with a number of factors:

- its desirability
- the economic climate

Home

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then sold it to Katherine and Ruth Ann Brauer, mother and daughter. In 1978, Katherine died at the ripe old age of 93. Ruth Anna continued on in this home until her death in 1997.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ng then purchased this home. David Ng, a well-respected, local contractor and builder, spent nine months,

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Due to current market conditions, pricing a home competitively is critical. One should never base a selling price on what a home in the neighborhood sold for last year.

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expected to soften, sellers should know that the demand for housing will remain high in the Bay Area. Low construction figures and solid employment figures in Oakland will continue to keep the housing market among the tightest in the nation.

Mark Attarha is a real estate broker with 25 years experience. He owns three Better Homes Real Estate offices with 110 real estate professionals with total sales volume in excess of \$46 million.

Magnificent Berkeley home, gardens

(See Photos on page B1)

The home at 1864 Yosemite Rd. in Berkeley was designed and built for Mark Daniels in 1910. Daniels was the landscape architect for the Thousand Oaks neighborhood. He likely personally chose the site for the home.

The special nature of the landscape with its imposing rock outcroppings, boulders, caves and view likely attracted him to the site.

Daniels sold the house to Frank and Jean Wentworth in 1914. The Wentworths lived in the home almost 70 years until the early 1980s.

Frank Wentworth served on Berkeley's city council and as the

city's vice mayor. He also sat on the board of directors of Mills College in Oakland. Frank and Jean's son, William, became a noted traveler to the Orient; their daughter, Margaret, married Nathaniel Owings, founder of the architectural firm of Skidmore Owings & Merrill.

When Jean Wentworth died, a short-term owner renovated the home — redoing major systems, installing a kitchen, remodeling the upper deck and modernizing the master bedroom.

The present owners purchased the property in 1985. They have endeavored to preserve the home's special character consistent with the historic

quality of the structure and its finishes. They built out the home's lowest level, completing a bedroom and an office and adding a new bathroom and storage.

On the southwest side of the home are the Shasta Caves where Native American artifacts such as arrowheads have been found. The site is replete with boulders and rock outcroppings. There are views of the Golden Gate and the Bay bridges, downtown San Francisco, Emeryville, Oakland and the Campanile.

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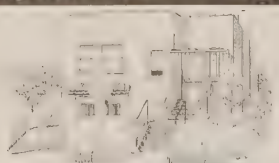
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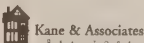
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I'm giving myself a big treat in August. I'm having my wood floors refinished, and I am very excited at the prospect. Just can't wait!

These are my kitchen, dining and living room floors. I want to start packing up things right now, get ready, but it's too soon. I sit in my kitchen and look around at all the things that will need to be moved, and I want to grab some boxes and begin.

Might as well take the opportunity to clean out all my cupboards; toss out old stuff, reorganize the rest. There is a lot in this kitchen:

bowls and baskets, cereal and jam, pots, files, brooms. The stove and refrigerator can stay in place, but my mother's red, two-piece cabinet and my long kitchen table, plus eleven chairs, will need to go.

I think, since it will be August, I can move everything to the patio. Rain is unlikely, but should we have an unexpected storm, I could cover things up. The kitchen is only part of the job though. All that the dining and living rooms hold will be moved as well. The patio will be rather crowded.

We don't use the dining room for dining. It is now the home office with computer, fax and answering machines and copier. Anet thinks

she's figured out a way to keep the phone and fax going on the other side of the house.

The floors in the kitchen and dining room are old fir laid on the diagonal. They were not sanded in place but were planed from old stock, then nailed to a new subfloor. It was ten years ago when my then-husband and I had been deep in house remodeling for a year. We were tired of the upset, had run out of money and patience, and had decided we couldn't go through any more construction including having a floor sanded.

A friend offered to plank the old fir and lay it if we bought him a planer, and we readily agreed. I love



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the look of the floor, the boards eight inches wide, the color of dark honey. I like that there are different grains, the knots and dark spots, even the spaces between the boards although they collect rice grains and cat hair and I can't get them clean. This floor looks like an ancient farmhouse floor; it's great.

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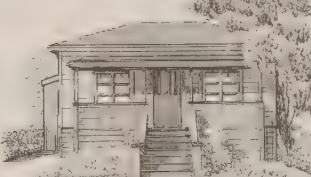
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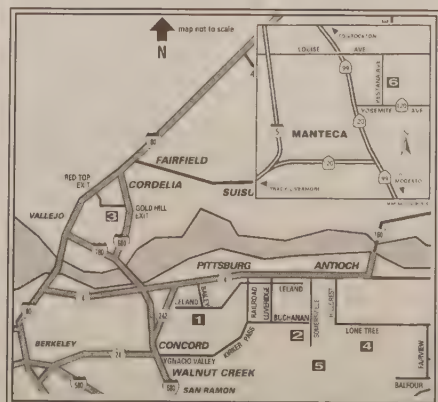
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that has held up surprisingly well, but there are now worn places and others where the edges of boards have splintered. The kitchen will look fabulous when the floor is newly sanded and coated.

The living room floor is more formal, more traditional, although it is not the expected oak but rather, beech. There were no finished floors in the house when we bought it, just linoleum and carpeting over plywood. After my husband I separated, as soon as I could get the money together, I called several floor companies for bids to lay a real floor in the living room.

The first two estimators came, looked at my rather odd house and were, I thought, disapproving, certainly not enthusiastic. I could understand their reactions; I'd seen them before. Visitors still ask when the house will be finished.

It's mostly the ceilings, or lack thereof, that causes people to wonder if the house is done. We took out all the plaster revealing the rough roof sheathing - nails, knots and all - then installed unfinished fir beams.

Avi Attid, owner of Tulip Floors, was the third floor man to come. He seemed to like the house, the surprising surfaces. He did not ask if I planned to leave things that way. Instead he began to talk about what wood would best complement the look.

It was Avi who suggested the beech flooring, lighter than oak, better with all the nearby fir. I jumped at the chance to hire this man who appreciates my taste, and have been happy ever since that I did.

So, it was Avi, of course, who I called about the refinishing. My kids will be away for ten days in August,

the only time I can imagine living for a week without access to the main part of the house. I started planning early because I wanted to be sure there would be a place for me in the Tulip schedule.

And there is! Plus, according to Avi, they will use a water-based urethane finish that dries so quickly that it can be walked on (gently) a couple of hours after each coat is applied. I will still have access to my refrigerator, even my stove, although I expect eating out for that week makes the most sense.

Speaking of the stove, all this promise of renewal keeps spreading in my mind. Now the floors will be so gorgeous, I want everything else to match. I'm thinking of having the top of my old Wedgewood stove re-chromed. I've seen old stoves that have been reworked, all shiny and clean, and I'd love to have mind look that good.

One friend took apart her stove herself and delivered the top to an automobile chrome shop. The cost was very reasonable. I should check this out, could have the stove top done while the floors are being worked on.

And maybe paint the kitchen, too. All nice and new. And replace the ugly metal shelf unit in one corner of the kitchen (it was intended to be temporary) with wood or more substantial metal. Also, paint the kitchen chairs.

Ah, it never ends. That's how it is with houses. At least this time, I'm dealing with things that show. I really resent spending money on the sewer or gutters. I can't see them every day.

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The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in the San Francisco Bay Area during April rose to \$483,850, a 3.1 percent increase over the \$469,250 median for April 2000, C.A.R. reported. The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in Santa Clara County during April fell to \$530,000, a 5.4 percent decrease from the \$560,000 median for April 2000.

C.A.R.'s regional housing information is compiled from Multiple Listing Services (MLS) data, representing the most current indicator of the home resale dynamic in the San Francisco Bay Area Region and Santa Clara County.

C.A.R.'s April 2001 existing home sales and median price report for California and regions within the state will be released May 25. The Association's Housing Affordability Index for April will be released on June 7; previous affordability indexes also are archived on C.A.R.'s Web site devoted to the state's housing affordability crisis at <http://www.car.org/affordability>.

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 8507 Birch St. - \$200,000
 5941 Bromley Av. - \$213,000
 260 Caldecott #224 - \$335,000
 3806 Canon Av. - \$464,000
 3025 Chapman St. - \$230,000
 3477 Crane Wy. - \$539,000
 2500 East 21st St. - \$235,000
 2000 East 26th St. - \$230,000
 9224 F St. - \$280,000
 4800 Fairfax Av. - \$515,000
 1134 Foothill Bl. - \$268,000

801 Franklin St. - \$129,000
 8522 G St. - \$148,000
 3418 Hannah St. - \$200,000
 6949 Krause Av. - \$155,000
 325 Lenox Av. #103 - \$199,500
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 234 Makin Rd. - \$160,000
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 1212 Mountain Bl. - \$440,000
 4471 N. Pl. Valley Ct. - \$615,000
 196 Orange St. - \$400,000
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 1316 Peralta St. - \$175,000
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 3629 Quigley St. - \$375,000
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6639 Snake Rd. - \$555,000
 5812 Telegraph Av. - \$379,000
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 888 Warfield Av. - \$658,000
 3834 Woodruff Av. - \$556,500

PIEDMONT

34 Calvert Ct. - \$776,000
 60 Portsmouth Rd. - \$823,000

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672 40th St. - \$300,000
 1724 Burbeck Av. - \$195,000

2443 Esmond Av. - \$84,000
 2700 Euclid Av. - \$231,000
 6320 Jennings Av. - \$358,000
 4803 Meadowbrook - \$289,000
 1811 Halston Av. - \$448,000
 33 Seagull Dr. - \$517,000
 2618 Sheldon Dr. - \$215,000
 1313 York St. - \$126,000

SAN LEANDRO

15693 Anchorage Dr. - \$507,000
 214 Bristol Bl. - \$275,000
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3+1, 4134 Vale,
 Oakland, Open 2-4 \$349,000

2/2, 2350 Wilbur,
 Oakland, Open 2-4 \$369,000



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 1683 Thrush Av - \$225,000

SAN LORENZO

1865 Keller Av - \$321,000
 15530 Lorenzo Av - \$350,000
 16131 Via Catherine - \$358,000
 1477 Via Manzanitas - \$315,000
 1676 Via Mesa - \$264,000
 16074 Via Olinda - \$280,000

By the numbers

TOTAL SALES: 10

LOWEST PRICE: \$139,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$815,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$386,900

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$195,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$400,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$297,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 8

LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$551,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$406,750

EL CERRILLO

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$375,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$350,000

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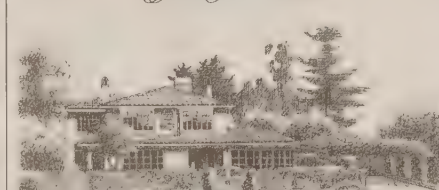
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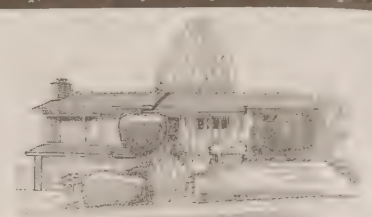
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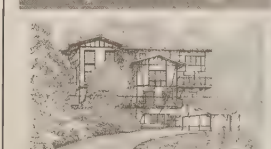
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50 SANDRINGHAM RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 5+BD/4+BA chalet w/ filtered Bay views, pool, spa, & sauna. Custom built and maintained by original owners, this property abounds with redwoods, oaks & pines. Kathleen Callahan x343

CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,275,000
6809 BUCKINGHAM (Open 2-4:30)
 5+BD/4.5BA. Splendid new home w/ panoramic SF & GG views. Gourmet kitchen/ family room. Luxury master suite. Approx. 1/2 acre. Spectacular. Nancy Noman x373

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,395,000
7061 DEVON WY. (Open 1-4:00) New Listing! Contemporary w/S.F. Bay & City views. Gorgeous high-tech architectural style and sophistication. 3+BR/3+BA. Fantastic gardens, patios & walkways. Patricia Scott x315

MONTCLAIR \$1,295,000
6415 THORNDAL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 Panoramic Bay and ocean views from every room of this dramatic 3+BD/3.5BA contemporary. Fabulous master suite w/ sauna & steam room. Wave pool, air conditioning & more. Cheryl Hargett x375

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,095,000
1215 ALVARADO RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Wonderful brown shingle new construction w/expansive canyon views. 5BD/4.5BA, family room, den & media room; Relax & enjoy the light & warmth of this home. Vicki Woodhead x334

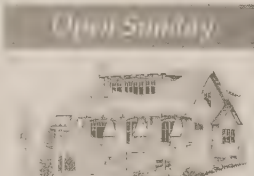
MONTCLAIR \$995,000
6 PERSHING DR. (Open 2-4:30) Piedmont side of Montclair. 3+BD/3BA on approx. 1/3 acre level lot. Built for entertaining, lovingly maintained by original owner. Charlotte Boyle x370 & Helen Danhaki x356 or 547-5750

NO. OAKLAND HILLS \$819,000
53 BAY FOREST (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Two year old custom home with Lake Merritt/South Bay vistas. 4BD/3.5BA, 3 fireplaces, granite & travertine, hardwood floors and vaulted ceilings. Wendy Gardner x303

PIEDMONT \$799,000
54 CRAIG AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Lovely craftsman, 4BD/2.5BA, large living & dining rooms. Excellent kitchen. Hardwood floors. Francis Heath x357

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ROCKRIDGE \$749,000
340 FOREST ST. (Open 2-4:30) Like new remodeled craftsman. One block to Bart and College Ave. shopping. 3BD/2.5BA, formal dining room, office & large state-of-the-art kitchen. Donna DeBardi x345

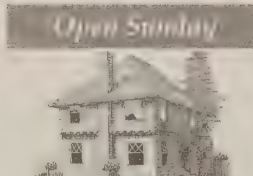
MONTCLAIR \$755,000
9098 BROADWAY TERRACE (Open 2-4:30) Stunning SF & Bay views from this great 3+BD/3+BA home. Two plus rooms, decks & hot tub. Lynne Bantle x374

MONTCLAIR \$739,000
7291 WILD CURRENT WY. (Open 2-4:30) Built in 1987, main house has 5BD/3BA. Attached 2BD/1BA in-law has inside & outside access. Studio w/bath for an office. Adriana Giacomelli x317

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$675,000
1116 MANDANA BLVD. (Open 2-4:30) Lovely traditional 3BD/2BA with newly updated kitchen/family room. Hot tub off master suite and separate office/studio. Joanna Gould x346

PIEDMONT \$659,000
153 ARBOR DR. (Open 2-4:30) Charming 2+BD/1BA Craftsman Bungalow. Sunny level garden, updated kitchen & bath. Beautiful built-in detailing in living & dining rooms. Charlotte Boyle x370 & Helen Danhaki 547-5750

MONTCLAIR \$639,000
6828 ESTATES DR. (Open 2-4:30) Piedmont side of Montclair. Almost all level home w/abundant outdoor space and bay & hill views. 3+BR/2BA, family room, rumpus room/den and large yard with patio. Donna Costella x355



ELMWOOD \$630,000
2640 BENVENUE AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Freshly redone. 4BD/2.5BA Craftsman on a quiet street in a beautiful Berkeley neighborhood. Easy walk to campus & close to College Ave. shopping. Anne Feste x371

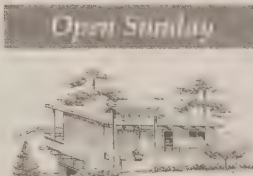
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$599,000
841 SANTA RAY AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Lovely 4BD/2.5BA remodeled Mediterranean w/master suite & family room. Fireplace, hardwood floors, decks and large yard. Kathy Flynn x317

MONTCLAIR \$589,000
5635 MORAGA AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Piedmont Side of Montclair. Spacious 3BD/2.5BA w/chef's kitchen & adjoining family room, formal dining. Arched doorways & wrought iron trim give Southwestern touch. Carolyn Jones x339.

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$539,000
3360 MONTEREY BLVD. (Open 2-4:30) Spacious, sunny and beautifully decorated 4BD/3BA with family room, spa, new deck and beautiful deep tiered garden. Diane Earl McCan x352

HADDON HILL \$499,000
605 WESLEY WY. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Renovated traditional 3BA/1+BA w/ updated kitchen & separate 2BR/1BA in-law w/private deck. Tom Anthony x336

LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$489,000
160 MAIDEN LN. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Great house with lots of space. Views. 3+BD/2BA, family room, office, level yard & patio. Sandi Klemmer x314



MONTCLAIR \$399,000
6733 SNAKE RD. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Private and serene with open floor plan and Bay & hill views. 2+BR/2BA, bonus room, tastefully remodeled kitchen and decks. Donna Costella x355

MONTCLAIR \$399,000
6319 PINEHAVEN RD. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Darling 3BD/1BA traditional on beautiful lot. Country kitchen opens to level patio & rose garden. Cathedral ceiling, dramatic fireplace, hardwoods. Michelle Vasey x359

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$399,000
4225 BALFOUR AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Spacious traditional. 3+BD/2BA, bonus room. Master suit with spa. Granite counter top. Deck. Terry Anthony x376

ROCKRIDGE \$359,000
5335 BROADWAY TERRACE #300 (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Top floor unit w/Bay & S.F. views from the balcony. Spacious living/dining area w/central fireplace. 2BD/2BA. Ashley O'Neill x368

OAKLAND \$269,000
9988 LAWLOR ST. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Wonderful hills and South Bay views. Sophisticated interiors with fabulous gourmet kitchen and new bath. 2BR/1BA. Teri Carlisle x305

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PIEDMONT \$2,290,000
 SF/Bay views from this central Piedmont traditional. Remodeled throughout. Expansive formal rooms, 5+BD/3+BA, large kitchen and adjoining family room opens to a level yard. Georgia Cornell x325

ROCKRIDGE (UPPER) \$1,099,000
 This beautiful, contemporary Mediterranean home combines elegant living, thrilling views, 4BD/3BA, and a sunny garden. Debi Fitzgerald x306

MONTCLAIR \$949,000
 Dramatic custom 9 yr old home with expansive canyon views. 3+BD/2.5BA Spacious floor plan. Approx. 4200-sq ft with expansion potential. Teri Carlisle x305

PIEDMONT \$895,000
 Enjoy one level living in this spacious custom designed home. 4BD/3BA, country kitchen w/fireplace, family room opens to patio. Georgia Cornell x325

RIDGEMONT \$679,000
 Bay views. This 4BD/3BA home offers a generous floorplan. Dramatic living room with vaulted ceilings & dining room with 2-story ceilings. Robyn Mohr x310

MONTCLAIR \$675,000
 Spacious 1960's contemporary, close to village with expansive Bay views & level yard. 5BD/3BA. Jeffrey Himmel x307

RIDGEMONT \$675,000
 Soaring ceilings, generous kitchen/family room, huge master suite w/sitting room with fireplace and bay view. 4BD/3BA. Robyn Mohr x310

PARKRIDGE ESTATES \$539,000
 All level home with backyard bordering on Parklands. Remodeled kitchen, family room, 4BD/2BA. Vicki Woodhead x334

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$458,000
 Reduced! Sunny Montebello Terrace home, 3BD/2.5BA. Filtered SF Bay & City lights views. Hardwood floors and fireplace on main level. Vicki Woodhead x334

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76 Steuben Bay Chuck Bianchi	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$735,000
16 Evans Ct Open Sat & Sun Kings Lu	480/2BA	2-4	\$706,000
750 Limerick Lane Open Sat & Sun Rich Lu	480/2BA	2-4	\$696,000
33 Lawrence Rd Open Sunday John Bergman	480/2	2-4	\$691,000
1312 San Antonio Open Sunday Kathleen Bondi	380/2BA	2-4	\$685,000
300 Anderson Open Sunday Judy Jacobs	480/2BA	2-4	\$678,000
943 Pacific Bill Heed	-80	2-4	\$623,000
1111 San Antonio Lindy Clark	480/2BA Sun 1-5		\$623,000
1539 Central Open Sunday	4 units	2-4	\$623,000
611 Douglas Mike Gustafson	510-814-4639	Harbor Bay Realty	
102 Cornell Dr Open Sunday Mike Gustafson	480/1 + BA	2-4	\$619,000
633 Larchmont Wendy Sando	480/2	2-4	\$619,000
510-523-7214 Kane & Associates			Newman
645 Waterview Matt Jacobs	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$615,000
1063 San Antonio Open Sat & Sun Ellen Walker	380/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$599,000
3243 Fairview Janice Payne	280/1BA	2-4	\$599,000
1122 High St Open Sunday Diana Wyman	3 BD	2-4	\$555,000
1700 Cornell Dr Open Sun, Fairside Ave	380/1BA	12-3	\$555,000
2810 Van Buren Open Sunday Karen Kellenberger	510-522-4662	Kane & Associates	
405 Tideway Debra Olson	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$537,000
15 Britt Court Open Sat & Sun	380	2-4	\$523,000
1615 Elm St Rosemary McCallly	510-759-1945	Kane & Associates	
1261 Caroline Tim Marr	380/1-BA	2-4	\$519,000
167 Orr Rd. Open Sunday	380/2.5BA	12-3	\$519,000
1728 Lafayette Nancy Blum, Prudential	380/2BA	2-4	\$515,000
1726 Lafayette Vince San Nicholas	510-522-8595	Alameda Realty	
1920 Lafayette Open Sunday	Duplex	2-4	\$515,000
1075 Fair Oaks Ave. Open Sunday	480/2 + BA	2-5	\$495,000
925 Broadway Bill Bisset	2 - BD/1BA	2-4	\$495,000
5 Dow Ct Open Sunday	1 + BD/2BA	2-4	\$495,000
1071 Fair Oaks Ave. Nancy Blum, Prudential	480/2 + BA	2-5	\$495,000
1016 Armistage Marlyn Ponerosy	3 + BD/2BA	2-4	\$495,000
801 Park St Open Sunday	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$479,000
211 Inverness Ct Tyr Weichart	380/2BA	2-4	\$470,000
415 Sheffield Don Gutierrez	380/2BA	2-4	\$469,000
50 Rutland Ct Open Sat & Sun	380/2BA	2-4	\$450,000
1269 Court St George Muir	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$449,000
805 Lincoln Open Sat & Sun Steve Brant	2mills	2-4	\$445,500
15 Regulus Nancy Evans-Bianchi	280/2BA	2-4	\$439,000
2066 Eagle Ave. Open Sunday	380/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$425,000
622 Ironwood Rd Beverly Fauchet	210/2 + BA	2-4	\$425,000
224 Santa Clara Open Sat; West side Homes-Unit Team	2 + BD/1BA	2-4:30	\$418,500
409 Laguardia Open Sat & Sun Bobbie Hughes	280/2.5BA	2-4	\$410,000
200 Ironwood Rd Steve Soransen	510-814-4889	Harbor Bay Realty	
1557 High St Nicolo Waldman	380/2	2-4	\$400,000
5104 Washington Open Sat & Sun Sif Borge	280/1BA	2-4	\$399,000
3504 Sevana Ln Clayman Huls	480	2-4	\$395,000
1117 Camino del Valle Open Sunday	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$373,900
20 Shepardon Darin Vinal	280/2BA	2-4	\$379,500

ALAMEDA

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3319 Cooklane Open Sun. Tun Yung (510-814-4841) Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$70,000
1121 Versailles Open Sun. Fred Christensen (510-814-4811) Harbor Bay Realty	2 + BD/1BA	2-4	\$369,000
3111 La Campana Open Sun.; Bay Area Hilly Kattis (510-865-7229) Kame & Associates	480/2.5BA	2-4/30	\$365,000
1154 Bismark Ln. Open Sun. Raye Therman (510-748-1102) Gallagher & Lindsey	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$365,000
115 Haight Ave. Open Sun. Krystina Neme (510-483-1676, Kame & Associates)	380/2	2-4	\$365,000
1343 Caroline Open Sun. Karl Ingeman (510-814-4878) Harbor Bay Realty	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$359,000
225 Santa Clara Open Sun. Kathy Kattis (510-865-7229) Kame & Associates	280/2	2-4	\$350,000
1648 Broadway Open Sun.; Fremont Fritz Hochstetler (510-339-4700) Coldwell Banker	2 + BD/1BA	2-5	\$348,000
2101 Shoreline Dr. #354 Open Sat & Sun Fred Hobbs (510-740-1138) Gallagher & Lindsey	280/2BA	2-4	\$339,000
1825 Shoreline Dr. #117 Open Sun. John McElhally (510-967-5650) Kame & Associates	280	2-4	\$306,000
1519 A Central Open Sun. Sandra Spatz (510-521-1630, Baystate Real Estate)	2 BD	2-4	\$295,000
251 Centre Court Open Sun. Mark Playsted (510-814-4874) Harbor Bay Realty	1 + BD/1BA	2-4	\$289,000
965 Shoreline #103 Open Sun. Maureen Shandbill (510-814-4830) Harbor Bay Realty	280/2BA	2-4	\$269,000
2035 Otis A. Open Sun. Shirley Ellis (510-814-4705) Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$252,000
338 Broadway #109 Open Sun. Shirley Ellis (510-814-4705) Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$249,500
555 Shoresport Ct. Open Saturday Joanna Letizia (510-748-1113, Gallagher & Lindsey)	280/2BA	2-4	\$219,000
307 Pacific Open Sun. Mira Qun (510-814-4836) Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	12-2	\$210,000
ALBANY			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
455 Jackson Open Sun. RED OAK (510) 280-2116, Fetti	284/2BA	2-4	\$299,000
1128 Santa Fe Ave. Open Sun. House House-landscaped broker (510-524-8508, Jeans Realty)	284/1BA	2-4	\$269,000
ANTIOCH			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1214-16 Walnut Open Sun. Ron Eggenstrom (510-852-2133 ext.127, Templeton Loversett Co.)	Duplex	2-4/30	\$785,000
BERKELEY			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
6609 Buckingham Open Sun. Kathy Warner (510-339-6460) Pacific Union	5 + BQ/4BA	2-4/30	\$2,275,000
1864 Yosemite. Open Sun. Gene Mikilasin (510-527-8822, Mikilasin & Associates)	480/3BA	2-4	\$1,900,000
900 Alvarado Rd. Open Sun.; Claremont David Eckert (510-339-4700) Coldwell Banker	480/3BA	2-4/30	\$1,450,000
1373 Campus Prudential, Coletta (510) 526-5143	3 + BD/2BA	2-5	\$995,000
6850 Charing Cross Open Sun. Prudential, Anna-Maria Middleton (510) 526-5143	480/3 + BA	2-5	\$895,000
434 Michigan Open Sun. Bob McRae (510-852-2133 ext.145, Templeton Loversett Co.)	480/3BA	2-4/30	\$750,000
7149 Buckingham Open Sun. Prudential, Anna-Maria Middleton (510) 526-5143	480/3 + BA	2-4	\$749,000
2716 Stuart St. Open Sun. Les Erdosner, Manhattan R E (510) 444-5300	380/2BA	2 - 4:30	\$650,000
1921 San Antonio Open Sun. Gail Erich (510-852-2133 ext.133, Templeton Loversett Co.)	3 + BD/2BA	2-4/30	\$650,000
557 Arlington Ave. Open Sun. Anel Tarporf, Tarporf & Talbot (510-653-2050)	3 + BD/2BA	2-4	\$600,000
1423 Arch St. Open Sun. Gail Erich (510-852-2133 ext.133, Templeton Loversett Co.)	280/1 + BA	2-4/30	\$565,000
2210 Stuart Open Sun. RED OAK (510) 280-2114, Judy.	384/1BA	2-4	\$499,000
1700 Fell St. Open Sun., Ocean View Doris Trinitas, Prudential Co Realty (510) 834-2010	480/2 + BA	2-4	\$399,000
4223 Russell St. Open Sun. Warren Lai (510) 524-7899 1/4, Better Homes Realty	294/1BA	1-4	\$325,000
2308 Jefferson Open Sun. RED OAK (510) 280-2134, Pater	184/1BA	2-4	\$280,000
1324 Burnett Open Sun. Prudential, Eugene Butler (510) 526-5143	380/1BA	2-4	\$279,000
2350 West St. Open Sun. Carol Hesth-Kim Prudential Realty (510) 525-2346	2 + B4/1BA	2-4	\$259,000
1425 Hession Open Sun. Marvin Grayson Real Estate, Mary Gray (510) 529-2598	184/1BA	2-4	\$235,000
151 The Uplands Open Sun. Lori Lombardo, The GRUBER (510) 339-0400	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$849,000
CASTRO VALLEY			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
18318 Pepper St. Open Sun.; On Quiet Cd-Sac Stan Lockhart (510-748-1805, Gallagher & Lindsey)	480/3BA	2-4	\$480,000
CONCORD			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1465 S Del Rio Circle Open Sunday Steve Anderson (510-821-9880) Kame & Associates	298/2 (120-430)	2-4	\$185,000

DANVILLE

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
565 Bourne	404/284	1-4	\$950,000
RED OAK 510-280-2182 Saraya			
EL CERRITO			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1011 King Dr.	204/284	2-4	\$395,000
RED OAK 510-280-2140, Barbara			
6630 Gatto Ave.	380/284	2-4:30	\$495,000
Open Sunday			
Eliz Cerrito 510-682-2133 mt.133, Templeton Laverette Co.			
5340 Rosalind Ave.	2 - Bdr/1Ba	2-4:30	\$369,000
Templeton, Thorpe/Turner, Taha Schwartz.			
510-946-1959 2233.			
2541 Tuller Ave.	3 bd/1 1/2 Ba	2-4	\$343,950
Open Sun.			
www.carlandelapizza.com 510-662-8558 Security Pac.			
6616 Cutting Blvd	224/1Ba	1-4	\$320,000
Open Sun.			
Sonja Johnson, Consumer Walnut Creek Inc. 925 322-7765			
853 Kern St.	384/1Ba	1-4	\$229,998
Open Sun.			
www.cynthiabarker.com 510-662-4528. Security Pacific R.E.			
KENSINGTON			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1650 Oceanview	384/284	2-4	\$725,000
Open Sun.			
Debe McLean 510-682-2133 mt.145, Templeton Laverette Co.			
285 Los Arroyos	3 - Bdr/2BA	1-4	\$550,000
Open Sun/Sunday/Residential			
Prudential, Payne Palmer 510-626-5143			
23 Anson Way	304/1 + 1	2-4:30	\$455,000
Open Sun.			
Debe McLean 510-682-2133 mt.145, Templeton Laverette Co.			
OAKLAND			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
50 Sandringham Rd.	5 - Bdr/4BA	2-4:30	\$1,995,000
Open Sat./Piedmont			
Californian 510-339-6460 Pacific Union			
7051 Devon Way	3 - Bdr/3BA	1-4	\$1,335,000
Open Sun./Claremont Hills			
Patricia Scott 510-339-6460 Pacific Union			
48 Lincolnshire Dr	580/4 - BA	2-4:30	\$1,375,000
Open Sun./Claremont Hills			
Linda McCain, Turney, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400			
914 Mountain Blvd	3 + Bdr/2Ba	2-4:30	\$1,239,000
Open Sunday			
West Eastwinds 510-652-2133 mt.134, Templeton Laverette Co.			
1 Downey Pl.	480/4 - BA	1-4	\$1,239,000
Open Sun./Crocker Highlands			
Eliz Lancaster 510-339-4700 Caldwell Banker			
15335 Skyline Blvd.	484/3 - Ba	2-4:30	\$1,235,000
Open Sun.			
Dan Jay, 510-339-8900 Century 21 Heritage R.E.			
1535 Skyline Blvd.	484/3 - Ba	2-4:30	\$1,295,000
Open Sun.			
Debra Schabas, 510-339-8900 Century 21 Heritage Real Estate			
6415 Thorndale Dr	3 - Bdr/3BA	2-4:30	\$1,235,000
Open Sun./Montclair			
Cheryl Knecht 510-339-6460 Pacific Union			
15 Observation Pl.	480/4BA	2-4:30	\$1,195,000
Open Sun./Montclair			
Debra J. Dryden, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400			
7105 Marlborough Ter	480/3 - BA	2-4:30	\$1,195,000
Open Sun./Claremont Hills			
Sherry Beninger, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400			
3030 Holyrood	4 - Bdr/3Ba	2-4:30	\$1,195,000
Open Sun./Piedmont Peaks			
Donna Correy, 510-339-4700 Caldwell Banker			
7105 Marlborough Ter	480/3 - BA	2-4:30	\$1,195,000
Open Sun./Claremont Hills			
Sherry Beninger, Turney, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400			
729-735 Milligt Cir.	4 + 1/2ba	2-4	\$1,180,000
Prudential, Wendy Koshima 510-945-0200.			
1215 Alvarado Rd.	5 - Bdr/4BA	2-4:30	\$1,095,000
Open Sun./Claremont Hills			
West Woodlands 510-339-6460 Pacific Union			
5917 Contra Costa Rd	4 Bdr/3BA	2-4:30	\$999,000
Open Sun./Upper Rockledge			
Novi Robinson, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-8400			
1839 Northwest Cl.	480/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$955,000
Open Sun./Montclair			
Peter & Ellen Mikopolous, Weiss & Benett Realtors 510-339-4918			
6 Pershing Dr.	3 - Bdr/3BA	2-4:30	\$995,000
Open Sun./Montclair			
Charlotte Bayle 510-339-6460 Pacific Union			
401 Alvarado	480/2BA	2-4	\$965,000
Open Sun./Claremont			
Dorin Tisley, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-0310			
761 Haddon Place	404/2 1/2Ba	2-4:30	\$825,000
Open Sun.			
Lily Bransley 510-945-0200 444-5262.			
53 Bay Forest	380/4BA	2-4:30	\$899,000
Open Sun./Oakland-Berkeley Hills			
Wendy Callaghan, Weiss & Benett Realtors 510-531-7000 ext.237			
633 Trentline Glen	404/2.5Ba	2-4:30	\$895,000
Open Sun./Crocker Highlands			
Prudential CA Realty, 510-945-0200, Ann & Pascal Fore 510-975-8382.			
6214 Arcia Ave.	404/2 - Ba	2-4:30	\$895,000
Open Sun.			
Prudential CA Realty, Laurie Baker 925-253-5440			
633 Trentline Glen	404/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$895,000
Open Sun.			
Candice, 510-945-0200, Prudential California Realty			
31 Caldwell	404/2 - Ba	2-4	\$865,000
RED OAK 510-280-2138, Billy			
2175 Skyline Blvd.	3 - Bdr/2BA	2-4:30	\$849,000
Open Sun., Montclair			
John La Vie, Prudential 510-339-9290			
5537 La Salle Ave	480/4BA	2-4:30	\$840,000
Open Sat./Piedmont side of Montclair			
Michelle Winchester, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400			
249 Sheridan	380/3 - BA	2-4:30	\$829,000
Open Sun./Upper Rockledge			
Mary Dresse, Prudential 510-339-9290			
53 Bay Forest	404/3 - BA	2-4:30	\$819,000
Open Sun./Oakland Hills			
Wendy Lamotte 310-539-4464 Pacific Union			
6400 Mystic	404/2 + 1/2	2-4:30	\$800,000
Open Sun/Rockledge			
Tricia West 510-652-2133 mt.140, Templeton Laverette Co.			
6607 Heartwood Dr	3 - Bdr/2BA	2-4:30	\$797,500
Open Sun., Montclair			
Debra Larson, Prudential 510-339-9290			
4040 Longcroft.	4 - Bdr/3BA	2-4:30	\$795,000
Open Sun./Montclair			
Novi Robinson, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-8400			
5707 Oak Grove	3 - Bdr/2Ba	2-5	\$775,000
Open Sat./Rockledge			
Leslie Averb 510-662-2133 mt.122, Templeton Laverette Co.			
9098 Broadway Ter	3 - Bdr/3BA	2-4:30	\$765,000
Open Sun., Montclair			
Lily Bransley 510-339-6460 Pacific Union			
7125 Woodrow	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$749,000
Open Sun., Montclair			
Martha Shin, Prudential Better Homes 510-339-9400			

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18041 Broadway Trl. John Johnson 510-339-8900 Century 21 Heritage R.E.	504/80a	2	\$748,000
304 Forest St. Open Sun., Rockledge Dorcas Bedford 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/2 - BA	2	\$748,000
7291 W. Hill Current Open Sun., Montclair Kosay Kousmouli 314-338-4848 Pacific Union	2 Units	2	\$738,000
591-597 - 54th St. Open Sun., N. Oakland Cynthia-Rachel, Prudential 510-339-9290	4 plan	2-4:30	\$710,000
45 Schooner Hill New Listings	3800/38a	2	\$675,000
604 Trestle Glen Rd. Open Sun., Crocker Highlands Mara Deboras, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400	380/2 - BA	2	\$675,000
1116 Mandana Blvd. Open Sun., Crocker Highlands Joanna Gould 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$675,000
124 Sonia St. Open Sun., Rockledge Nancy Wiley, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$660,000
3362 Brunell Dr. Open Sun., Joagim Miller Jody Sheridan, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-4000	4BA/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$660,000
291 Edmonson Rd. Open Sun., Upper Rockledge Carin Caron, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$655,000
565 Bellevue Ave. #1802 Steve Kelly, The Petteer Group, 925-939-4123	2Bd/2Ba	1-4	\$650,000
1833 Woodhewer Open Sun., Montclair E. Madachy 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	5 - BD/3BA	2-4:30	\$645,000
2039 Trafalgar Pl. Open Sun., Montclair Eric Cohen, Prudential 510-339-9290	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$648,000
6028 Estates Dr. Open Sun., Montclair Donna Costello 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$640,000
2640 Bernville Ave. Open Sun., Elmhurst Anna Ferris 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	4BD/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$630,000
865 Terrace Dr. Open Sun., Rockledge Terry Pideries, 510-841-3286, Marvin Gardens Real Estate	380/2BA	2-4	\$625,000
527 Crofton Lake Open Sun., Montclair Chris Cole, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$625,000
384 Hudson St. Open Sun., Upper Rockledge Steve Michalides, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$619,000
2430 - 27th Ave. Open Sun., Frahn/S. Sub. out-stages Victor Himm 510-339-4780 Coldwell Banker	-80	2-4:30	\$619,000
841 Santa Ray Ave. Open Sun., Crocker Highlands Kathy Flynn 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	4BA/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$619,000
2690 Las Armas Open Sun., Piedmont Pines Julian Strown, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 - BD/2BA	1-4	\$598,000
80 McKinley Open Sun., Montclair Charlotte Caygibach, Better Homes 510-339-9400	4BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$590,000
5155 Mazuela Open Sun., Montclair Charlotte Caygibach, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$595,000
6024 Wilton Open Sun., Montclair Dennis Haines, Prudential Landmark, RE. 510-982-0206	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$595,000
2650 Astorian Dr. Open Sun., Montclair Laura Strand, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400	4BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$589,000
5635 Moraga Ave. Open Sun., Montclair Carmly Jones 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$589,000
95 Mandalay Rd. Open Sun., Rockledge John Rankarick, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$589,000
6841 Shepherd Cyn. Open Sun., Rockledge Carol Cohen 510-339-8900 Century 21 Heritage R.E.	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$575,000
697 Santa Ray Ave. Open Sun., Crocker Highlands Margaret Bayler, Prudential 510-339-9290	4BD/1 - BA	2-4:30	\$569,000
7755 Sunlight Dr. Open Sun., Kings Estate Rosemary Greene, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400	4 - BD/3BA	2-4:30	\$559,999
1000 Mandana Open Sun., Crocker Highlands Rona Ridgeway, Better Homes 510-339-9400	4BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$543,999
6908 Polkwood Open Sun., Montclair Nahid Nassar, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400	4 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$543,000
2110 Mastlands Dr. Prudential, Nancy Baily (510) 845-0200.	384/4a	2-4:30	\$538,000
3360 Monterey Blvd. Open Sun., Redwood Heights Harris East (510) 338-6460 Pacific Union	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$538,000
2765 Carlsbrook Dr. New Listings Helen Nicholas, 510-339-8900 Century 21 Heritage R.E.	384/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$535,000
6385 Longcroft Open Sun., Piedmont Pines Donna Cunniff 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$529,000
1033 Trestle Glen Rd. Open Sun., Crocker Highlands Judith Cain, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$529,000
16 Stantonville Ct. Open Sun., Oakland Hill Becky Anderson 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$519,900
551 Harbor Drive Open Sun., Upper Rockledge First California Realty, Tosse Ochoa 510-339-5600	380/1BA	1-4	\$499,500
3029 Bandy Open Sunday Phil Hunt, 983-6400; 983-6240	3 - BD/3BA	2-4	\$499,000
369 4th St. #118 Open Sun., Rockledge Janie Lake, (510) 662-8487, Security Pacific R.E.	1BA/4a	2-4	\$499,000
531 Prince Open Sun., Lakeside Roly May, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 - BD/3BA	1-4	\$489,000
605 Wesley Way Open Sun., Haddon Hill Tom Anthony 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$489,000
40th St. E. Carrizo Av. Open Sunday, www.Piedmontrealestate.com Lawton Associates, Ron Kriss, Lou Lovett 510-547-5971	380/2BA	12-5	\$489,000
518 Kingsley St. Prudential California Realty, Beverly Court, (510) 845-0206	5 - Dpts	2-4:30	\$489,000
160 Maiden Ln. Open Sun., Lincoln Heights Sandra Monnier 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$489,000
9990 Golf Links Rd. Open Sunday Lois Starnon, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2020	4BD/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$479,900
2812 Alford St. Open Sun., Rockledge Heights Patsy Buhler, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-287-5910	3 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$479,900
401 Hudson St. Open Sun., Rockledge Amy Amodeo, 510-527-4700, 21st Marine Realty	280/1Ba	2-4	\$479,900
40th St. E. Carrizo Av. Open Sunday, www.Piedmontrealestate.com Lawton Associates, Ron Kriss, Lou Lovett 510-547-	280/2BA	12-5	\$479,900

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7421 Altura Place Open Sunday Sandy Shattuck, Michael Reid Estate	380/2BA	2-4	1-4	\$475,000
124 Rishell Dr. John Risher (707) 280-7171	380/2.5BA	2-4	2	\$488,000
5445 Carlton St. Open Sunday Michael Stuebenaker	280/1BA	1-5	1	\$488,000
3672 Brunell Dr. Open Sat., Joseph Miller Nelliz Est. Fair Hills, Fax Mergel	1 - 80/2BA	2-5	1	\$450,000
7772 El Centro Open Sun. Sunday Chris Christensen, Wells & Bennett Realtors	280/1.5BA	2-4	2	\$448,000
40th St X Cerillo Ave. Open Sunday, www.PiedmontAve.com Lewin Associates, Ron Kries, Lou Lovino	280/2BA	12-5	1	\$448,000
5269 Mania Ave. Richard Morimoto, 510-627-2700	284/1BA	2-5	1	\$438,000
4609 Park Blvd. Open Sun. Sunday Paul S. Wells & Bennett Realtors	480/2BA	2-4	2	\$438,000
40th St X Cerillo Ave. Open Sun. Sunday, www.PiedmontAve.com Lewin Associates, Ron Kries, Lou Lovino	280/2BA	12-5	1	\$438,000
5269 Mania Ave. Richard Morimoto, 510-627-2700	284/1BA	2-5	1	\$438,000
4609 Park Blvd. Open Sun. Sunday Paul S. Wells & Bennett Realtors	480/2BA	2-4	2	\$438,000
40th St X Cerillo Ave. Open Sun. Sunday, www.PiedmontAve.com Lewin Associates, Ron Kries, Lou Lovino	280/2BA	12-5	1	\$438,000
5269 Mania Ave. Richard Morimoto, 510-627-2700	284/1BA	2-5	1	\$438,000
4609 Park Blvd. Open Sun. Sunday Paul S. Wells & Bennett Realtors	480/2BA	2-4	2	\$438,000
40th St X Cerillo Ave. Open Sun. Sunday, www.PiedmontAve.com Lewin Associates, Ron Kries, Lou Lovino	280/2BA	12-5	1	\$438,000
5269 Mania Ave. Richard Morimoto, 510-627-2700	284/1BA	2-5	1	\$438,000
4609 Park Blvd. Open Sun. Sunday Paul S. Wells & Bennett Realtors	480/2BA	2-4	2	\$438,000
40th St X Cerillo Ave. Open Sun. Sunday, www.PiedmontAve.com Lewin Associates, Ron Kries, Lou Lovino	280/2BA	12-5	1	\$438,000
5269 Mania Ave. Richard Morimoto, 510-627-2700	284/1BA	2-5	1	\$438,000
4609 Park Blvd. Open Sun. Sunday Paul S. Wells & Bennett Realtors	480/2BA	2-4	2	\$438,000
40th St X Cerillo Ave. Open Sun. Sunday, www.PiedmontAve.com Lewin Associates, Ron Kries, Lou Lovino	280/2BA	12-5	1	\$438,000
5269 Mania Ave. Richard Morimoto, 510-627-2700	284/1BA	2-5	1	\$438,000
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GAKLAN

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

440 Caidwell #304
Open Sun
Dennis Milburn, 510-339-4583

1867/sq ft

2:30p - 5:30p

\$240,000

555 Jean St #26
Open Sun
Sherry Lamp, Prudential 510-339-9290

280/284

2-4:30

\$140,000

500 Vernon St #309
Open Sun
Paula Brierley, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-327-5810

226/181/sq ft

2-4:30

\$200,000

1514 Peralta St
Open Sun
Yuan Sun, W. Oakland
Tara Barick, Prudential CA Realty 510-824-2210

Duplex units
180/174

2-4

\$220,000

4117 D Penniman Ct
Open Sun
Kate Castle, 510-328-8778

286/184

2-4:30

\$210,000

4720 Malcolm Ave
Open Sun
Gise Moore, Prudential 510-339-9290

280/184

2-4:30

\$220,000

500 Montecito #305
Open Sun
Susan Adams, Prudential
Paula Brierley, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-327-5810

180/189

2-4:30

\$180,000

555 Jean St #630
Open Sun
Sherry Lamp, Prudential 510-339-9290

178/187

2-4:30

\$180,000

555 Jean St #315
Open Sun
Rose Green, 510-339-8900

118/174/sq ft

2-4:30

\$178,000

6481 Farallon Way
Open Sun
Michael Stephens, Prudential 510-339-9290

3 GRUBB - BA

2-4:30 P.M.

\$250,000

5850 Chabot Ct
Open Sun
Therese Thompson, Kathryn Hill 510-440-1952

280/274/sq ft

2-4

\$48

PIEDMONT

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

811 Highland Ave
Open Sun
Dian Rysing, 510-339-4700

4 BU/2BA

2-4:30

\$2,500,000

311 Sheridan Ave
Open Sun
Arac Pineda Torrey, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

480/3 BA

2-4:30

\$2,250,000

51 Crest Rd
Open Sunday
Roberta Osterman, Prudential 510-330-4377

3 GRUBB

BA

2-4:30

\$1,800,000

17 Richardson Way
Open Sunday
Elizabeth Dickson, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

3 - 80/2BA

2-4:30

\$1,795,000

68 Bellevue
Open Sunday
Elizabeth Dickson, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

480/2BA

2-4:30

\$1,565,000

154 Ricardo Ave
Open Sunday
Conna Rogers, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

480/1 - BA

2-4:30

\$945,000

54 Craig Ave
Open Sunday
Francis Heath 510-339-6660

480/2 - BA

2-4:30

\$798,000

215 Highland Ave.
Open Sunday
Susan Williams, 510-339-8900

380/2BA

2-4

\$780,000

48 Crest Rd
Open Sunday
Angela Wro Grubb, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

280/2BA

2-4:30

\$725,000

20 Jerome Ave
Open Sunday
Sandra Vogt, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

3 - 80/2BA

2-4:30

\$690,000

350 Magnolia Ave
Open Sunday
Mindy Scott, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

380/2BA

2-4:30

\$640,000

153 Arbor Dr.
Open Sun, Redwood Heights
Charlotte Boyle 510-339-6460

2 - 80/1BA

2-4:30

\$655,000

101 Howard
Open Sunday
Joy Brydon, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-331-7000 ext. 201

480/2BA

2-4:30

\$560,000

25 Moraga Ave.
Open Sun
Kath. Torrey, 510-339-8900

280/1BA

2-4

\$470,500

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

221 Buena Vista Dr
Open Sun
Erk Johns, Prudential 510-339-9290

380/2 - BA

2-4:30

\$425,000

RICHMOND

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

25 Seagull Dr
Open Sun
Leslie Ann 510-652-2133 ext.122, Tompkins Laverne Co.

384/2 - BA

2-4

\$458,000

2503 Beach Head Way 2002
Open Sun
Prudential, Solano 510-525-6143

202/sq ft

2-6

\$334,500

5628 Santa Cruz
Open Sun
Martin Garros Real Estate, Brian Underwood (510) 553-2911

2 - 80/1BA

2-4

\$308,000

6349 Highland Ave.
Open Sun
www.cymbriabooks.com 510-662-8528, Security Pacific

384/1BA

1-4

\$234,000

6349 Highland Ave.
Open Sun
www.cymbriabooks.com 510-662-8528, Security Pacific

380/1BA

1-4

\$234,000

853 Kern St
Open Sun
www.cymbriabooks.com 510-662-8528, Security Pacific

384/1BA

1-4

\$228,000

5511 Colusa
Open Sun
Martin Garros Real Estate, Darrell Webb (510) 524-2005

284/4BA

2-4

\$205,000

409 Dimm St
Open Sun
RED OAK (510) 210-2134, Peter

284/1BA

2-4

\$200,000

SAN FRANCISCO

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

4781-4783 18th St
Open Sunday
Arnold Fields, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-331-7075 ext.241

Duplex

2-4:30

\$780,000

SAN LEANDRO

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

1616 Daniels Dr
Open Sun
Carol Bernyl, Prudential 510-428-0900

480/2 BA

2-4:30

\$178,000

1390 E. Junnie Ave
Open Sat & Sun; LeLand Hays
Real Estate Co., Brook Niles 510-635-6000

480/2 - BA

2-4:30

\$379,000

2514 Gallatin
Open Sunday
Mina Oton 510-914-0530

380/2 - BA

2-4

\$145,000

225 Garcia Ave
Open Sunday
Earle Sherst, Monclair Real Estate 510-338-0000

380/1BA

2-4:30

\$300,000

SAN LORENZO

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

691 Grant Ave
Open Sun
Central Real Estate, Linda Larkin 510-377-4740

800/1BA

2-4

\$370,000

SAN RAMON

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

208 Happy Hollow Ct
Open Sun
The Bowden Team, Pacific Union RE 925-264-1101 ext.101

480/2.5BA

1-4

\$379,000

UNION CITY

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

3158 San Rafael Way
Open Sun, Casa Verde
Central Real Estate, Prudential 510-339-9290

480/2BA

2-4

\$240,000

SAN FRANCISCO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
4763-4765 16th St.	Duplex	2-4-30	\$778,000
Open Search			
Arnold Fields, Wells & Bennett Realtors	510-331-3788		
ex.241			
SAN LEANDRO			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1616 Daniels Dr.	480/2 - BA	2-4-30	\$148,500
Open: Sue L. Bruin Estates			
Candy Bernier, Prudential	510-425-0900		
1390 E. Juane Ave.	480/2 - BA	2-4-30	\$579,000
Open Sat & Sun; LeLand Hgts			
Hewitt & Co., Inc., West	510-436-6000		
2514 Gallison	380/2 - BA	1-2-2	\$365,000
Open Sunday			
Mina Ochoa 510-614-0636	Harbor Bay Realty		
223 Garcia Ave.	280/1 BA	2-4-30	\$306,000
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Earle Sherak, Mendocino Real Estate	510-330-4000		

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
691 Grant Ave Open Sat; San Lorenzo Valley Centralized Real Estate, Linda Larkin 510-521-0788	380/10A	24	\$39,900

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
208 Happy Hollow Ct Open Sun. The Bowden Team, Pacific Union R.E. 925-254-1101 or 925-254-1100	484/2.58a	1-4	\$57,500

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3158 San Rafael Way Open Sun, Casa Verde Centralized Real Estate, Frank Montalvo 510-521-0788	480/23a	24	\$40,000

Sales

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$88,000
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$180,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$363,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$271,500
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$610,000
TOTAL SALES: 53
LOWEST PRICE: \$85,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$776,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$258,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$312,858
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$776,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$823,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$799,500
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$84,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$517,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$276,300
TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$507,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$336,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$317,778
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$264,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$358,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$314,667

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Previews Property

900 Alvarado.....\$1,450,000
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FIRST OPEN

2430-27th Ave......\$619,000
Fruitvale. Two-bedroom cottages! Five charming Spanish bungalows, delightfully painted and all have garages & green area. Some with remodeled kitchens. Open 2-4:30 p.m. **Victor Fierro**

5385 Longcroft.....\$529,000
Piedmont Pines. Unwind in this retreat in the pines! Feels like Tahoe, yet next to Montclair Village. 3BD/2BA & family room. Come listen to the birds chirp! 2 - 4:30 p.m. **Donna Conroy**

16 Stantonville Ct......\$525,000
Oakland Hills. Outdoor Living! Enjoy Bay views & the Regional Park at your back door. Charming 3+BD/2.5BA with hwd flrs, updated kitchen, home office & great outdoor living. 2-4:30 p.m. **Becky Andersen**

OPEN SUNDAY

124 Sonia.....\$669,000
Rockridge. Prime location. Charming traditional. 4BD/2.5BA. Open 2-4:30 p.m. **Nancy Dickey**

1833 Woodhaven Way.....\$649,000
Montclair. Close to Montclair Swim Club. 5BD/3.5BA. Open 2 - 4:30 p.m. **F. Macintyre**

BY APPOINTMENT

Upper Rockridge.....\$700,000
Prime view lot with plans. Huge frontage. **Becky Andersen**

Crocker Highland.....\$625,000
Tastefully updated trad. 3BD/2.5BA **Nader Davari**

Montclair.....\$584,000
All level home on cul-de-sac. 3BD/2BA **Victor Fierro**

Rockridge.....\$549,000
Classic Duplex. **Victor Ratto**

Claremont Lot.....\$550,000
Level new lot. **David Eckert**



2690 Las Aromas.....\$589,000
Montclair. Piedmont Pines. Well-planned space for easy living upstairs & down and in & outdoors; close to schools, shops, food, transportation & freeway. Open 1 - 4 p.m. **Jillian Strawn**

531 Prince St......\$499,000
Lakeshore. New Listing! Gumwood details, wainscoting, hardwood floors. It is all here! 3+BD/3BA, close to Lakeshore shops, bus & 580. Open 1 - 4 p.m. **Ruby Ng**

3741 Keller Ave......\$289,000
Oakland. California Cottage. Mature landscaping. 2BD/1BA, kitchen/family room combo, beamed ceilings, brick fireplace & track lighting. Open 2-4:30 p.m. **Norm Robinow**

305 Warwick.....\$289,000
Adams Point. Don't Miss! Great natural light. 2BD/1BA Spanish bungalow. Close to Lake Merritt & retail. Level yard & ample storage. Open 1 - 4 p.m. **Karen Lum**

4021 Elston Ave......\$399,000
Glennview. Just listed. Charming & sunny. 3BD/1BA. Open 2 - 5 p.m. **George Karsant**

1648 Broadway.....\$339,000
Alameda/Fernside. Wonderful built-ins, delightful garden. 2+BD/1BA Open 2 - 5 p.m. **Fritz Hochfellner**

Oakland Hills.....\$479,000
Located in Parkridge Estates. 3BD/2BA **Ruby Ng**

Montclair.....\$469,000
Contemporary near the Village. 3BD/2BA **Dell Orr**

Lake Merritt Condo.....\$299,500
Rooms with a View! 1BD/1BA **Michael Thompson**

Montclair.....\$299,000
Calling all contractors! Needs TLC. 2+BD/1BA **Darcy Diamantine**

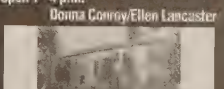
Lincoln Heights.....\$294,500
Sweet Starter. 2BD/1BA **Rachel Baller**



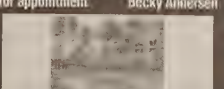
811 Highland Ave......\$2,500,000
Classic Piedmont Mediterranean in the heart of Piedmont. 4+BD fabulous remodeled kitchen/family room, spacious terrace & level backyard. Great style & quality. Open 2 - 4:30 p.m. **Dian Wymer**



1 Downey Pl......\$1,299,000
Crocker Highlands Romantic Tudor. Lovingly restored in a magical setting. Beautiful wood details, accented w/stone, vaulted ceilings, mstr retreat. 4BD/4.5BA, family room, wine cellar. Open 1 - 4 p.m. **Donna Conroy/Ellen Lancaster**



Rockridge.....\$2,500,000
Stylish Villa. 5BD/5.5BA with grand formal rooms. Compound includes: 5 level parcels, sep. mpt, over 3-car garage, rich architectural details. Call for appointment **Becky Andersen**



3030 Holyrood Dr......\$1,195,000
Piedmont Pines. Magical! A real treasure tucked away in a lush landscaped enclave, complete w/viewers, big pool, guest cottage & an unbelievable almost 2/3 acre lot. Open 2 - 4:30 p.m. **Donna Conroy**



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1111 Spruce St......\$585,000
3BD/1BA, views, great garden **Diane Verducci**

1112 Harrison.....\$465,000
Duplex, 2BD/1BA each, vacant at close **Jane Ishihashi**

OAKLAND/RIDGEMONT

13848 Campus Dr......\$1,200,000
Serene & elegant, 4BD/2BA, 2 stories **Rita Zwerdling**

RICHMOND

2515 Baywood.....\$339,000
Marina Bay condo, 2+BD/3BA, stunning **Bobbie Giarratana**

BY APPOINTMENT

CLASSY BERKELEY TOWNHOUSE.....\$318,000
Bright & cheerful 2BR/1.5BA in great location! Fireplace, updated kitchen, deck & parking. Near campus, public life & BART.

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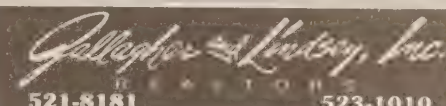
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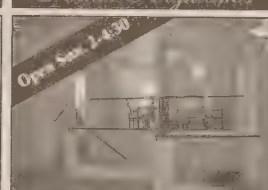
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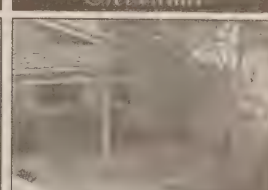
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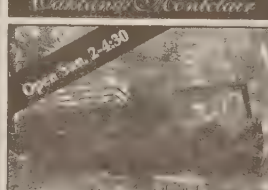
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Good or Bad Credit OK
Approved by Finance
Lone Oak Property & Fin
1-800-306-1001
R E Bkr Drc #129011

707A Albany

1175 Santa Fe Ave. 2BR/1BA
Open Sunday
Jackson & Kar, Brenda Wills-Lundy 510-233-6200

700A Real Estate Loans

AAA Credit Not Needed
Good or Bad Credit
• 100% Purchases
• 24 hr. Credit Approval
• Bankruptcy OK
• We Do Foreclosure Loans
• We Do Turn Down Loans
Zero down purchases
24 Hrs. 7 days/wk.
925-648-5043
L. E. Smith, Jr. of Corp
605025

GOOD or Marginal Credit
925-687-5203
L. E. Smith, Jr. of Corp
Bkr Dept. R.E. 00453743

Fast & Efficient

701 Investment Property
S250K Investment! 2000 sq. ft. 4000 sq. ft. 6000 sq. ft. 8000 sq. ft. 10000 sq. ft. 12000 sq. ft. 14000 sq. ft. 16000 sq. ft. 18000 sq. ft. 20000 sq. ft. 22000 sq. ft. 24000 sq. ft. 26000 sq. ft. 28000 sq. ft. 30000 sq. ft. 32000 sq. ft. 34000 sq. ft. 36000 sq. ft. 38000 sq. ft. 40000 sq. ft. 42000 sq. ft. 44000 sq. ft. 46000 sq. ft. 48000 sq. ft. 50000 sq. ft. 52000 sq. ft. 54000 sq. ft. 56000 sq. ft. 58000 sq. ft. 60000 sq. ft. 62000 sq. ft. 64000 sq. ft. 66000 sq. ft. 68000 sq. ft. 70000 sq. ft. 72000 sq. ft. 74000 sq. ft. 76000 sq. ft. 78000 sq. ft. 80000 sq. ft. 82000 sq. ft. 84000 sq. ft. 86000 sq. ft. 88000 sq. ft. 90000 sq. ft. 92000 sq. ft. 94000 sq. ft. 96000 sq. ft. 98000 sq. ft. 100000 sq. ft. 102000 sq. ft. 104000 sq. ft. 106000 sq. ft. 108000 sq. ft. 110000 sq. ft. 112000 sq. ft. 114000 sq. ft. 116000 sq. ft. 118000 sq. ft. 120000 sq. ft. 122000 sq. ft. 124000 sq. ft. 126000 sq. ft. 128000 sq. ft. 130000 sq. ft. 132000 sq. ft. 134000 sq. ft. 136000 sq. ft. 138000 sq. ft. 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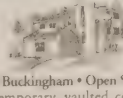
Spectacular Views!
Magnificent renovation with San Francisco views. There are 4BR + an office & family room opening out to a level yard. Bright & Beautiful!
Bebe McRae x145.....\$895,000



1214-16 Walnut Street • Open Sunday 2-4:30
A classic brown shingle duplex fixer, with wonderful 2BR, 1BA apartment below. There are 3+BR, 2+BA, and spacious living room FDR dining & a sunroom.
Ronald Egberman x127.....\$785,000



434 Michigan • Open Sun 2-4:30
Beautifully remodeled with splendid views! 4BR, 3BA, large yard, level entry!
Bebe McRae x145.....\$750,000



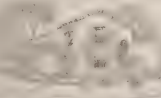
7149 Buckingham • Open Sunday 2-4
Stylish Contemporary vaulted ceilings, distinctive angles, well placed terraces for easy living. Quiet street, canyon views. 4 BR 3.5 BA, master suite on main level.
Helene Barkin x124.....\$749,000



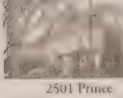
2315 Eunice Street
This wonderful spacious craftsman is situated walking distance to campus, BART, Rose Garden, Chez Panisse, & Walnut Square. 3+BR, 1.5BA. Ruth Frassetto x147.....\$600,000



Claremont Charm
Designed by John Hudson Thomas, this charming 3BR home is close to shops & BART! Very Special!
Bebe McRae x145.....\$550,000

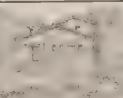


1921 San Antonio Ave. • Open Sunday 2-4
Secret hacienda behind a garden wall. 3+BR, 2BA incl. terrific separate suite. Gini Erck x133..\$675,000



2501 Prince
A Golden Duplex in Elmwood! No rent control when new owner takes occupancy! Please call for details!
Annie Walrand x146.....\$749,000

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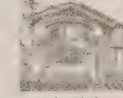
1423 Arch St. • Open Sunday 2-4
Happy two-story craftsman just east of Shattuck & Vine. 2BR, 1.5BA, glorious garden, some Bay views.
Gini Erck x133.....\$545,000



1658 Ocean View • Open Sunday 2-4
Magical Mediterranean in Kensington. 3BR, 2BA. Beautiful gardens!
Bebe McRae x145.....\$715,000



23 Anson Way • Open Sunday 2-4:30
One level living with Bay views! 3BR, 1.5BA, large family room, sunny level yard, 2-car garage, move-in condition.
Bebe McRae x145.....\$495,000



John Hudson
Designed by renowned Bay Area. 3+BR 2BA formal dining, modernized eat-in kitchen
Ron Egberman x127.....\$749,000

OAKLAND



OAKLAND 914 Mountain Blvd. • Open Sunday 2-4:30
Magnificent Montclair traditional
From framing to finishing details, craftsmanship is unsurpassed! Custom built in 1993. Approx. 3700 sq.ft. 3+BR, 3.5BA plus versatile lower level. Glorious English gardens & level yard. For a virtual tour, visit: www.templetonleverette.com for a virtual tour.
Leslie Easterday x134.....\$1,299,000

RICHMOND

255 Seagull Drive Open Sunday 2-4

Price Reduced

Wonderful sunny 2 story 3BR/2.5BA home with dramatic cathedral ceilings in the living room & dining room. Located in the Breakers walking distance to the Bay Shore Regional trail it has a pretty garden entry w/level private rear yard.
Leslie Avant x122.....\$459,000

6553 Farallon Way Unparalleled Panoramic Bay Views
From the sun filled living room, kitchen, dining area, family room and level garden. 3BR, 2BA home on a private lot
Helene Barkin x124.....\$540,000

180 Caldecott Lane #316 Top floor popular 1BR, 1BA "Golden Gate" model. Immaculate move-in condition Cathedral ceilings & flooded with light.
Tricia Swift x140.....\$265,000

260 Caldecott Lane # 103 Warm rich custom colors and details will delight you in this 2BR, 2BA "Montclair" model. Most quiet location. Green, leafy views & great light from back.
Tricia Swift x140.....\$345,000

ROCKRIDGE



6707 Oak Grove Ave New Listing Open Sunday • 2-5
Beautiful 3BR/2BA two story craftsman with wonderful architectural details & a lovely large private garden & decks, separate studio/office. Walk to College Ave & BART.
Leslie Avant x122.....\$775,000



1243 Brewster
A lovely tranquil home in the El Cerrito Hills. 4BR, 3.5BA, two family rooms, attached garage, great floor plan, close to El Cerrito Park and public transportation.
Anne Van Dyke x137.....\$639,000



6630 Gatto Ave. • Open Sunday 2-4
Just Listed! Handsome Japanese style jewel just below Canyon Trail Park. 3BR, 2BA, family room, sweeping Bay views. Gini Erck x133.....\$495,000

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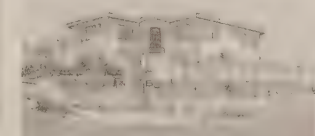


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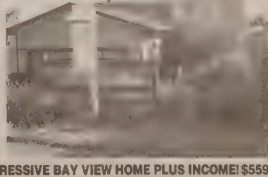


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RON SALSIG
Range Rat

It's 'Open' season for golfers

The month of May means only one thing to a golfer — qualifying. And there is a lot of qualifying going on. U.S. Open local qualifying begins Monday at several golf courses in Northern California. Qualifying for the California State Amateur Championship will start Monday. The Cal golf team is playing today in the NCAA West Regionals in Oregon, a qualifying for the NCAA Championship. And local high schools had the North Coast Section tournament last Monday, which was a qualifying for the Northern California championship this coming Monday in Merced.

US Open: Locals who wish to challenge Tiger Woods for his U.S. Open crown at Southern Hills in Oklahoma have their first test this Monday, and Tiger's old Stanford teammate is teeing it up at Ruby Hill CC in Pleasanton.

Joel Kribel, who was at one time the No. 1 amateur golfer in the nation, no longer has any exemptions into the Open. So Kribel, who has come alive recently on the Buy.com tour with top-20 finishes in his last two starts, will take a red-eye flight from Virginia Beach Sunday night to play in his home town.

Kribel has had an old friend for a traveling companion on the Buy.com tour the last two weeks, Todd Fischer, who finished in the top 20 two weeks ago and 29th last week. When I called Fischer on his cellular phone to congratulate him, he was in the car with Kribel. Fischer is also teeing it up in Pleasanton.

Other Albany, Oakland, El Cerrito and Alameda golfers teeing it up at Ruby Hill include Garrett Fogel, Bob Burnett, Peter Tomasulo, James Hay, John Enright, Gary Mortara, Erik Stone and Dong Yi. Javier De La Garza of Albany tees it up at the Reserve at Spanos Park and Jeff Garcia of Alameda is entered at CordeValle GC.

But most of the action for local golfers is at the Jack Nicklaus Ruby Hill course in Pleasanton, which should prove to be a good homecoming for Kribel and Fischer. Sectional qualifying for most will be in Los Angeles.

NCAA: For the fifth straight year, the Cal golf team has qualified for the NCAA Western Regionals, which ends Saturday at Trysting Tree GC in Corvallis, Oregon. The Bears, led by senior Dong Yi of Alameda, have surprised in the past with top-10 finishes in the NCAA finals. Don't be surprised.

State Am: Chris Ancheta of Alameda, who will play for the Cal golf team next fall and made a good run at the Commuters championship last month, was one of three golfers to qualify for the State Amateur Championship at Poppy Ridge GC in Livermore last Monday. Ancheta shot a 75 on the Chardonnay and Zinfandel nines, which got him into a sudden death playoff, three golfers for two spots. Ancheta won the playoff against Robert Cranston and Steve Bauer.

East Bay golfers who played well at Poppy Ridge but failed to qualify include Mark Arneson, Neil Pearson, Steve Schoenfeld and Todd Mitchell. Commuters champion Darrell Donovan missed by one stroke at Eagle Ridge GC near Colton, shooting a 75.

At Marin CC Steve Smith of Oakland missed by one stroke.

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Warren DQ rocks BSAL; Panthers sweep boys, girls

Panther to miss discus, but will still compete in shot put

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

St. Mary's discus thrower Kamaia Warren has been disqualified from advancing to the North Coast Section Bayside meet this weekend at Diablo Valley College.

Warren, who is currently fourth in the nation in the discus, scratched on all three of her throws in last Saturday's Bay Shore Athletic League finals at Piedmont High. She had two sector throws and one foot fault in the ring. Participants are allowed three preliminary attempts to qualify for the finals.

After the meet, coaches held a routine scratch meeting and, according to Piedmont coach Doyle O'Regan, St. Mary's coach Jay Lawson proposed that Aisha McDaniel, a St. Mary's sophomore who finished third, be scratched from the discus "thereby allowing an alternate to take her place," according to a statement O'Regan posted on the Northern California Track Web site and which was e-mailed to

Hills Newspapers.

That alternate, said O'Regan, was to be Warren. "He (Lawson) argued that alternates should be

our league's best throwers — in this case Kamaia Warren," O'Regan said in his e-mail. "He added that other sections have done this very thing — and since we must compete against them at state level, we should do this as well."

O'Regan objected, but the vote was 5-2 (with one abstention) to advance Warren as an alternate. (She did win the BSAL shot put).

"From our vantage point, we are totally fine with the fact that she (Warren) did not qualify," Lawson said. "What we wanted to do was present an option because other leagues handle this type of situation differently."

Lawson cited examples of a long jumper from Simi Valley, who last year had a season-best of 24 feet, 7 inches and was disqualified in the league meet, only to be reinstated for the sectional meet. Lawson also said the boys 4x100 relay team from Taft dropped the baton in the Los Angeles City Section meet last

Prep track and field

St. Mary's swept the boys' and girls' divisions at the BSAL championships

week, but advanced because that section permits one at-large entry that does not have to qualify.

Lawson said it also happened when the Deer Valley 4x400 girls relay team dropped the baton in the Bay Valley Athletic League meet. The Wolverines moved on. "What we need at the state (CIF) level, are more consistent qualifying rules," he said. "We should have equal and fair rules. The NCS leaves it up to the leagues to decide and there is no consistency."

Still, O'Regan bumped the matter to Piedmont High Principal Pam Bradford, who called BSAL commissioner Paul Thomasini, a computer science teacher at St. Patrick/St. Vincent High in Vallejo.

"I didn't know what the (BSAL) bylaws said on this matter," said Thomasini, who was present at the post-meet meeting. "I didn't know one way or the other. Doyle (O'Regan) filed an official protest and I asked several athletic directors in the league what they thought."

"There is nothing in the bylaws that covers this situation, so I made the decision to disqualify her (Warren). I'm sure the track and field coaches, if they want to, will take this matter up in a future meeting."

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STEVE MAS, ANKA/STAFF

DANIELLE STOKES won both the 100 and 300-meter hurdles at the BSAL track and field championships. Competing at Witter Field in Piedmont, the Panthers took both the boys' and girls' brackets.

Berkeley, Warner hold off Encinal

Warner wins, saves game as Jets close gap

By Curtis Elliott
CORRESPONDENT

Berkeley's Joe Warner not only won the game, but she saved it for herself too, as the Yellowjackets held off a furious finish by the never-say-die Encinal Jets in a 6-5 win Wednesday at Washington Park.

Caitlin Drulis had relieved Warner and took a 6-0 lead into the bottom of the sixth. Encinal was patient against Drulis, the regular first baseman for Berkeley who was pitching in only her second game, as they waited out two walks, before Becky McMahon singled home the Jets' first run in the sixth inning.

"I wanted to put her in just because we had a big enough lead," said Berkeley coach Elena Bermeo.

Drulis struck out four and did not allow an earned run, but she was victimized by her own strikeout in the seventh. After appearing to get the second out of the inning with a strikeout, the ball was mishandled, allowing the batter to reach safely. Luá Tschai, who had reached on a single, wound up at third. A walk to Tina Tran loaded the bases with one out.

Rowena Quinto drew her second walk off Drulis to cut Berkeley's lead to 6-2. Then came the game's strangest play. With runners on second and third, Stephanie Young lofted a ball that dropped just out of the infield. Both runners scored, but Young was thrown out at first base on the play.

Bermeo thought about replacing Drulis with Warner, but

relied on Quinto to preserve the win. Warner struck out seven, walked one, and only allowed a bunt single to McMahon in four

innings. "I've definitely had better games," said Warner. "My control was a little off. I went to three balls in the count a couple of times."

That may be the case, but it's safe to say that Warner, who had played first base while Caitlin pitched, earned her first save of the season.

"Joe and Pinole's (Uche Omokaro) were the top two pitchers in the league," said Bermeo. "Joe has deadly pitches."

Encinal's Kaleena Ewing did not walk a batter in the game, and she did not allow a single earned run, although six errors by the Jets' defense contributed to their defeat.

Berkeley's third inning started out innocently enough when Jasmine Jew hit a grounder to Ewing. However, Ewing had to wait for her first baseman to get to the bag. By then, the speedy Jew was safe.

Jew went from first to third on an error and scored on a fielder's choice when the ball was thrown away. Drulis singled to bring up Rachel Williams. Williams slammed the ball over the head of the center fielder Miller. Alice Brugger and Drulis scored on the play. When an errant throw went towards third, Williams kept going and came in to score to give Berkeley a 4-0 lead.

The Yellowjackets showed quick feet in the game en route to stealing nine bases. Mia Arkaniki swiped four bases. Jew stole two, and Brugger, Williams and Violet Lehrer added thefts of their own.

The defensive play of the game came in Berkeley's half of the fifth. With the Yellowjackets already leading 5-0 and with runners on second and third with two outs, Bailly Holloway hit a ball to short left field, Tina Tran made a diving, tumbling catch to keep Encinal in the game.

A walk to Ashleigh Miller did-

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DAVID WILKIN, STAFF

IN A CLOUD OF DUST, Berkeley pitcher Cole Stipovich tagged out Encinal's Jason Rivera during their May 16 game at Willie Stargell Field. The Jets turned back the Yellowjackets, winning 6-3.

Jets knock 'Jackets from race

Toma homers in loss; Gauchos turn back AHS

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — Encinal looks to be in and Berkeley is definitely out of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic league baseball race.

That was the result of the Jets' 6-3 victory over the Yellowjackets at Willie Stargell Field on Wednesday afternoon.

Encinal's season is finished; the Jets are 9-3 in the ACCAL and 16-7 overall. Berkeley dropped to 7-4 in league with one game remaining today against El Cerrito. The Jets could be a co-champion with Pinole Valley if the Spartans win their game today against Richmond. Encinal and Pinole split their two regular-season games and the tie-breaker may be the two teams' games against Berkeley.

"We were the only team to defeat Berkeley twice," Encinal coach Jim Saunders said. "That should count for something. I believe Pinole and Berkeley split their two games."

In the absence of playoffs, a late-season game that actually means something was refreshing. A playoff atmosphere prevailed in the stands and the home

crowd saw Encinal score four runs in the fourth inning to snap a 2-2 tie and it came

against Berkeley pitcher Sean Souders, who has the best record among Berkeley starters this year. Yellowjackets ace Moses Kompar was unable to pitch and has been battling injuries all year.

Nick Loy started off the fourth by getting his third straight hit, a line single to right. He advanced to second on a wild pitch and then Tony Ellis smacked a long double off the top of the right-field fence to score Loy for 3-2. One out later, Cory Dunlap grounded a soft single to center that scored Ellis for 4-2. He went to second on a wild pitch. Berkeley coach Tim Moellerling came and got Souders and replaced him with Cole Stipovich with a 3-0 count on Jason Rivera. Stipovich completed the walk, then walked Marcus Buckingham and gave up a check-swing single to Randy Garchar to right that scored Dunlap.

Rivera was thrown out at third on the play with Buckingham going to third and Garchar to second on the throw. Eugene Smith fought off a 3-2 pitch and hit a

Prep baseball

Encinal	6
Berkeley	3
El Cerrito	6
Alameda	5

slow roller to short that scored Buckingham. Stipovich got out of the inning and Encinal never really threatened again — but the damage was done.

Meanwhile Dunlap was having few problems with the Yellowjackets, shutting down the top third of the Berkeley lineup (Lee Franklin, DeAndre Miller, Clinton Calhoun) with just one hit in 12 at-bats.

"I knew those guys at the top of the order were fast," Dunlap said. "I just wanted to keep them off the bases and I did that until they got a couple on in the seventh."

It was fortuitous that Dunlap had so much success against the first three hitters; as the No. 4 hitter, Matt Toma, had three hits in four pitches, including a solo home run to right center that tied the game up at 1-1 in the top of the second.

"He (Toma) is a good hitter," Dunlap said. "He hit everything I threw."

But Toma had little help and, with the top of the order neutralized, the 'Jackets were unable to string together enough opportunities to score runs, although they had men on base in every inning.

Encinal had Loy at the top of its order and he opened the bottom of the first with a double. He

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Albany-Berkeley softball league

Younger Division

Davitt Felder Stamp Royals 12, Sweet Potatoes Superstars 6
Although the morning was chilly, the Royals and Superstars were hot as they fielded and hit with spunk.

For the Royals, Violetta Alaiyan scooped up two hard grounders to third base and deftly tagged each runner as they ran by. Lily Felder caught a towering pop-up and, in the top of the second, Rachel Chazin-Gray made a spectacular catch at shortstop, fielding a high pop fly and almost doubling up the runner at first base. The Royals' hitting was fabulous all around as Haley Friel and Elana Jacobs-Pontecorvo each delivered solid hits.

For the Sweet Potatoes, Kelsey Murakami walloped two singles and sparkled in the field by shutting down runners at both corners. Marina Hunt accounted for two hits and threw out a runner at first and Austin Collister suffered from no energy crisis as she smashed two singles. Allie Presher put on a fielding exhibition by getting two outs at first in the first.

Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars 17, Dr. Brennan's Smilemakers 9
It was anything but a lazy afternoon softball game as the first match-up between the Smilemakers and the Mighty Molars sparked a teeth-clenching four-inning contest.

The Smilemakers staged a stunning first-inning defensive rally with two terrific putouts by Corey Chin and one elastic stretch by Stacy Buell to get the third out at first. The outstanding defense continued through the second inning as the Mighty Molars were kept scoreless through the repeated efforts of Chin, whose great speed beat out a runner at third, and pitcher Madeleine Luckel's toss to catcher Taylor Ivancich to stop a run at home. Isabel Hubbard's quick thinking catch nabbed yet another out in the third.

The Mighty Molars played an excellent defensive game, putting out the side in three of the four innings played. The game featured two putouts in the first by Anna Guth, a putout at the plate by Jenna Brotsky and Kumari Chatha. The Molars' offense was led by Sabina Khan and Taylor Rios who each scored three runs, and by Maddie Cousins, who doubled in two runs in the second inning.

Red Oak Realty Retrievers 17, Jesse Young Construction Scorpions 13

In a game characterized by good hitting by both teams, the Retrievers led off with eight runs, highlighted by a great hit by Serena Sonderegger followed by a two-run single by Katie Tick. This was the first of two innings in which the Retrievers had no outs scored against them.

Strong batting by the Scorpions was on display during the bottom of the first. Sasha Ginzberg drove Emma Rotem home from second with a smashing single. Ellie Arkin, Zia Walker and Rachel Jackson all hit strong singles to drive runners home.

The Retrievers, playing with only eight players, distinguished themselves by getting three outs in the second inning. Lisa Gilliland demonstrated outstanding fielding throughout the game.

Nelson, Meyer, Kasrovi & Ung Tigers 18,

On the Beam Wildcats
The Tigers and the Wildcats staged a defensive battle Saturday at the new Longfellow field.

Chloe Drulis, at second, threw to Sonya Javits for a clean putout

at first base. Drulis was unstoppable at second base with perfect throws to Sarah Muse for two more immediate putouts, closing the inning.

The Wildcats kept the fans off their seats when pitcher Michelle Rompel made a fast toss to catcher Lily Wyss for a flawless putout at home plate. A surprise double by Liana Egan in the third inning lit up the bench.

The Tigers offense didn't disappoint, either, with a roll of singles by consistent hitters: Hannah Guletz, Emma Tadlock-Goldsmith and Julia Herbst.

Middle Division

Arkin Tilt Architects Hornets 6, Honda of El Cerrito Hot Shots 4

The Hornets and the Hot Shots played a tight, five-inning barnburner at Cordones Park on Saturday.

The Hornets took a four-run lead in the first and second with exceptional pitching by Rebecca Stubin and an RBI double by Emily Cooper. Traci Kroll scored two runs for the Hornets after narrowly escaping a rundown.

Hot Shots third base player Claudia Puell initiated an outstanding double play in the first inning. The Hot Shots rallied in the third scoring four runs with the help of two RBI by Nicole Rompel. A Hornets attempt to steal third was thwarted by the Hot Shots' Zoe Jansen. The out helped keep the Hornets to one run in the third inning.

Hornets' pitcher Sidney Overway shut out the Hot Shots in the final two innings. Courtney Peters scored the final run of the game for the Hornets on a single by Stubin in the fourth.

Andronicos Dragons 7, The Strategic Economics Panthers 5

Nicole Presher pitched a no-hitter for the first two innings, allowing the Dragons to pull ahead by three. The Panthers fought back to score three runs in the third inning, tying up the game. Kaitlyn Giblin hit an RBI single in the top of the third, then Liza Veale ripped one to left field to bring in two runners.

The Dragons offense fought back with a three-run home run by Mollie Hudson in the bottom of the third. Other Dragon runs were scored off hits by Amanda Stevens and Irene Farrimond. The Panthers' Leah Belzer-Adams hit a looping long drive to right field for an RBI double. Sarah Neuhaus then ripped a shot to the infield to score Belzer-Adams. Dragon pitcher Mollie Hudson caught a high fly holding the Panthers to two runs.

Berkeley Home Cubs 6, Clara Beau Jewelers Diamondbacks 2

Sharp pitching was the order of the day as the Cubs' Joan Cannon and the Diamondbacks' Sophie Kline each pitched a scoreless first.

The Diamondbacks had a big second inning as Silvie Senauke whacked a single and then stole second, Johanna Althorn-Heyer then singled allowing Senauke to score the first run.

Good defense by the Cubs' Tara Chadha and Rachel Krow-Boniske foiled the next two batters. Rachel Lazansky-Weast then hammered a single that allowed Althorn-Heyer to score bringing it up to 2-0 by inning's end.

The third inning started promisingly as the Diamondbacks' Kayla Sims smashed a double and then tried to steal third, but good defensive relay work by the Cubs' Mimi Simon and Krow-Boniske retired Sims out at third.

Older Division

Acrylic Art All Stars 17, Sensational 10

Pinole Valley almost certain to qualify?

"We're not going to win league, but we have a chance to contest it," said Warner. "By going to a certain meeting and talking to them (the ACCAL officials) we might be able to get in but not for sure."

Despite cold weather, a fierce battle raged between two well-matched teams at Grove field. The game was finally decided in the bottom of the last inning.

In the top of the first inning, in spite of two strikeouts by All Star pitcher Simone Morris-Martin, Sensational put up four batters and managed to score with Anna Kalkanis-Ellis, Hannah Badal and Mary Pinto. Sensational's Daniele Kronenberg erased Acrylic Art's hopes for more by ending the inning with two outs at first base.

In the second inning, Sophie Kolding scored Sensational's only run by singling and then stealing home plate.

Sensational scored four in the top of the third — including another steal home by Harris — to come within striking distance. Strong pitching by Sensational's Lyla Weinstein, including two strikeouts, kept the All Stars to only two runs in the inning.

In the fourth inning, Sensational's four-run spree put it in the lead. But in the end, it wasn't enough. The Stars sent every batter to base at least once and sealed the victory with an eight-run finish.

Jane Hammond Events Deviled Eggs 16,

Autumn Press Panthers 12

In one of the most exciting games of the year, the Panthers came back from an 11-6 deficit to tie the game at 11-11 in the bottom of the fourth, only to see the Deviled Eggs score five in the bottom of the fifth to win.

Teresa Baranowski led the Eggs' attack with three hits, including a double that drove in Christina Skonberg and Rachael Egan to put the Eggs ahead for good at 13-11.

Jenny Wheeler-Stein and Margo Winton contributed two hits each to pace the Panthers' attack, while Caitly Hall got on base three times via walks. Monika Chan singled to score Winton to tie the game at 11-11 in the fourth.

With two out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the fifth and the Panthers down 16-12, Eggs' shortstop Mariko Connor threw out the Panthers' Zoe Siegel at home on a very close play to end the game.

Interleague

Oakland Players 13, Benicia Gardens BGs 10

The BGs did some of their best hitting in their third matchup with the Players, but were unable to overcome the lead Oakland took in the fifth inning.

The game started promisingly as the BGs retired the first three Players in order. Pitcher Amanda Hansen fielded a pop fly by Oakland's leadoff batter, then struck out the next batter. In the bottom half of the inning, BGs leadoff hitter Rebecca Williams made it to first on a dropped third strike, then stole second. Lexie Cousens walked, then stole second, advancing Williams to third. Melinda Lozenski belted a double to left-center field, allowing both Williams and Cousens to score. Lozenski stole third, then scored, and the BGs took an early 3-0 lead.

Another four runs were scored by the Players in the third inning, but the BGs battled back. Victoria Rohrer had a base hit up the middle, then stole second and third. She scored on a slap hit by Cousens. Lozenski walked, then was advanced as the middle of the BGs' hitting order started a rally.

After playing their final game of the season, with their parents gathered around, Encinal coach Kristin Glenchur presented flowers to her players in recognition of their season. Encinal closed out the year with a league record of 6-6.

Baseball

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later scored on an error. Berkeley tied the game at 1-1 in the top of the second on Toma's homer, but the Jets got it back in the second when Smith singled and Ray Thomas walked. Loy singled to load the bases and Smith scored when Ellis hit a sacrifice fly.

Berkeley tied the game again in third when Calhoun was safe on an error with two outs and Toma popped a double to right that scored Calhoun. The back-and-forth ended when Encinal got its fourth spot in the fourth.

"We needed more runners on ahead of Ruma," Moellering said. "Dunlap pitched well to everyone else and prevented us from getting a big opportunity."

Dunlap, who had struck out the side in the first, finally fal-

tered in the seventh. Miller grounded a single to left and was safe at second when Calhoun hit into a fielder's choice. Toma lined out hard to right on the first pitch and Paco Flores popped a single to right that scored Miller for 6-3. Dunlap got the final out when he snared a hard comebacker off the bat of Jeremy LeBeaux and threw him out at first.

It was case closed for Berkeley, but Encinal still has the closing arguments, even if the Jets are finished with the regular season. They're NCS material, no matter where they finish.

Post game:
WITHER THE PLAYOFFS? ... Saunders is dead set against the current no-playoff format.

"I don't like it," he said. "If we played 18 games that would be OK. But 12 games are too few without playoffs. The coaches wanted it, but the principals (of

the schools) voted it down. Too many costs. I'm working to change it."

STATS ... In contrast to the top of the order for Berkeley, Encinal's top three got on base six times, led by Loy's 3-for-4. Dunlap reached base three times and Smith had two hits. Each team had eight hits. Toma went 3-for-3 and every ball was hit hard.

El Cerrito 6, Alameda 4

EL CERRITO — A two-run double in the sixth inning by Dominic Mejia drove in the eventual winning run for El Cerrito in a 6-5 win over Alameda.

Mejia's double gave El Cerrito a 6-3 lead before Alameda (14-5-6 ACCAL) scored two runs in the seventh inning. The Gauchos (10-13, 6-5) left no runners on base in the win.

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Other Oakland, Berkeley and El Cerrito golfers at Marin CC who failed to qualify include Pete Wlodkowski, Keith Grassel, Joel Stewart, Mark Slaughter, Daniel Tachiera, Gabe Scianella, Guy Dilling and Jeremy Niederstadt.

Scott Morris and James Hadley failed to qualify at Pasatiempo GC.

Chris Manfrin of Orinda, who plays much of his golf at Tilden Park, tied for the low score at the new Winchester GC near Auburn with a 73 to be among the six qualifiers from that site.

North Coast: The upstart Berkeley High golf team, mostly freshmen, finished 13th with a 430 team total in the North Coast Section championship at Rooster Run GC near Petaluma last Monday. Keith Mattingly shot a 78, Chris Moreno-Hunt an 82, Kiel

Fitzgerald 83, Adam Breckler 88, Tom Smith 99 and Sean-Paul Casella 100.

Alameda High had two individual golfers at the championship, though the team did not qualify. Keith Liao shot a 78 and Shawn Shelby a 79.

Monte Vista won the team title with a 374 total, seven shots better than runnerup DeLaSalle. Miramonte was third. Alex Coe of Monte Vista won the individual title with a 71.

The North Coast Section was a triumphant return for Ale Braga de Hall Royce. In December a tree fell on Braga, shattering her pelvis. She was told she would never walk again. Not only did she walk, she returned to competitive golf. Her 87 was not up to her standards, but a resounding personal triumph.

Links: Martha Burkard of Alameda received national attention when she won the San Francisco City title last year at the age of 12, but nothing like Morgan Pressel of Fla. is re-

ceiving this week. Pressel shot a 70 to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open at the age of 12, and she has received invitations to appear on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno and the Late Show from David Letterman. Ah, the power of the eastern press ... Jenny Park of Alameda qualified for the Open ... Ernie Els is using an illegal driver this week in Germany. "It's to catch up with Tiger," he said ... That Pro V1 golf ball is in such short supply that many are being auctioned off on eBay for a fortune ... David Feherty on the European's problems in the Ryder Cup: "It's called Eurosism, which is an all-pervading, malignant, brain disorder, caused by years of being ignored by the French, designed by Italians, confused by Norwegians, invaded by Germans, and misled by the Irish."

Ron Salsig is not qualifying for the U.S. Open this year. He can be reached at rsalsig@pacbell.net

Warren

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Thomasini added: "I've heard this (alternate) situation has occurred in other sections, but I know of nothing personally."

On Tuesday morning, O'Regan received a fax from Thomasini stating the "...coaches' vote was invalid and that our past practice of choosing qualifiers and alternates based on competition at the league meet was the rule we must follow," O'Regan stated in his e-mail.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball

The Bobby Sox Fast Pitch Softball Program is taking signups for its prep division (ages 14-18). Coaches are encouraged to sign up their teams. Double-headers with other Bay Area teams will take place during the five-week season that runs May 26-June 30. District and regional tournaments will follow. Coaches wishing to sign up their teams should call Vicki Vrankovich at 510-339-2935. Check out the Bobby Sox Web site at www.bobsoxsoftball.org.

Running

The Tilden Tough Ten, a 10-mile run at Berkeley's Tilden Park, will take place at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 20. Cost is \$17 or \$20 on race day. This run, sponsored by Lake Merritt Joggers & Striders, is the first leg of the East Bay Triple Crown Trail Events. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to LMJS, 1910 Arrowhead Dr., Oakland 94611. Or call 510-339-2430.

The Lake Chabot Trail Challenge Half Marathon is set for 8 a.m. in Castro Valley on Sunday, June 3. The 13.1-mile run is the second leg of the East Bay Triple Crown Events. Cost is \$17 or \$20 after May 21. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Golden Bay Runners,

"As a result, Kamaia Warren's name was withdrawn from the BSAL qualifiers list."

Warren's disqualification made it tougher for the St. Mary's girls team to prevail over Piedmont, but prevail it did, winning with 192 points to the Highlanders' 186. It all came down to the girls 4x400 relay, which the Panthers won in 4 minutes, 00.15 seconds. Piedmont was second in 4:02.15. Danielle Stokes won both the 100 hurdles (14.98) and the 300 hurdles (44.51).

Riana Shaw had the only meet record, going 5-foot-8 in the high jump.

In the boys competition, the Panthers left tracks on the backs of all the other competitors, winning the meet with 253 points. Piedmont, despite Tom Phelps winning the distance hat trick (800, 1600 and 3200-meters) was a distant second with 75 points.

Courtney Brown won the 200 in 22.50 as Panther runners swept the first four places. He also won the 400 in 50.00 and teammate Julien Keyes was second in 51.78. He also had a hand in the two winning relay teams as the Panthers won the 4x100 in 32.35 and the 4x400 in 3:31.27.

P.O. Box 2592, Castro Valley 94546. Or call 510-728-0451. Check out the Web site at www.trailchallenge.com
The 36th annual Dick Houston Memorial Woodminster X-C Race will take place at 9 a.m. at Joaquin Miller Park on Sunday, June 17. Cost is \$12 or \$15 after June 8. The race, a 9-mile event over a cross country loop

on narrow dirt trails, is the third leg of the East Bay Triple Crown Trail Events. To enter, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Island City Runners, P.O. Box 1493, Alameda 94501. For more information, contact Gareth Fong at 510-655-8228. Or check out the Island City Runners Web site at <http://members.home.net/mhoveer/male/>.

Softball

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Third baseman Quinto was also a rock for Encinal as she made many fine plays and did not make an error for the Jets.

A couple of infield errors and a single by Jew contributed to Berkeley's fifth run in the fourth. Their final run came in the sixth. Jew reached on a one-out error, stole second and third, and then scored on a single by Arkaniki.

Arkaniki also stole second and third, but Ewing stranded her by retiring the next two Yellowjacket batters.

Berkeley out-hit Encinal 10-3. They were led by Arkaniki, Williams and Lehrer who had two hits each.

Jew scored a pair of runs. McMahon had two hits for the Jets, while Quinto walked twice and scored a pair of runs. Berkeley is now 7-4 in league play. What does this do for their play-off hopes with Alameda and

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Arts

'Shrek' arrives, crude but funny

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time, there was a rather unconventional but very clever animated fairy tale about an ugly ogre named Shrek. It was both crude and sweet and was destined to make pots and pots of money. Even crotchety film critics were highly amused by this fairy tale called "Shrek."

Shrek (voiced by Mike Myers) is a loner who lives in a swamp by himself because everyone he meets is put off by his terrifying appearance. He's large, green and has strange little tubular ears and very bad teeth.

The evil ruler of this fairy-tale land, Lord Farquaad (John Lithgow), has ordered the roundup of all the fairy-tale characters. We're not sure why, but it doesn't look good for the fairy-tale folk. One expects, after seeing Pinocchio bartered off to soldiers ("five shillings for the possessed toy") that they'll be imprisoned somewhere. Instead, they're just sent off to squat in Shrek's swamp.

The rendering of the displaced fairy-tale gang is wonderfully done. The Three Blind Mice stumble around, Red Riding Hood's wolf tucks himself into Shrek's bed, the Seven Dwarfs park Snow White on the dinner table. It's a hilarious home invasion, but Shrek is not pleased with the company.

Accompanied by his reluctantly acquired new "friend," a talking donkey (Eddie Murphy at his funniest), Shrek travels to Far-



CAMERON DIAZ is the voice for the feisty Princess Fiona and Mike Myers speaks for the big green title character in "Shrek."

quaad's castle to confront him about the situation. The castle is oddly pristine and devoid of life, an apparent reference to all things Disney. "Shrek" is filled with gleefully subversive digs at the Magic Kingdom ("Shrek's" producer, Jeffrey Katzenberg, used

to work at Disney).

The ogre makes a deal with Farquaad. He'll slay a dragon and rescue Farquaad's dream girl, Princess Fiona, from the tower

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ARTS BEAT

Concert will benefit memorial scholarship

BERKELEY — A classical music benefit for the Justin Blasdale Memorial Scholarship Fund takes place Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m., at the Crowden School, 1475 Rose St. Former student Kye Peven and other young emerging artists, will give a concert solo piano and chamber music, playing Chopin, Beethoven, Schuman. Justin Blasdale is a well-known and loved pianist and teacher, who recently passed away. To honor his love of music, and support young students studying piano, a scholarship fund is being established. Details: 510-549-9121.

Husband and wife exhibit tribal work

BERKELEY — Gathering Tribes Gallery will exhibit drawings and handmade jewelry by American Indian artists Michael and Sandra Horse, who are husband and wife.

The show runs Friday through June 18.

Michael Horse, an actor and award-winning artist of Yaqui, Zuni and Mescalero Apache descent, uses silver, gold, diamonds, coral, turquoise and sugilite to create detailed tribal pieces. His jewelry-making tools, some 100 years old, have been collected from family and friends.

His paintings, many painted on authentic antique documents

relating to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian boarding schools, recall an era when American Indians rode horses and fought with the cavalry.

Sandra, an actress and jeweler, is Cree. Her very feminine jewelry is mostly a stringing of beads. Artwork and jewelry are for sale.

A reception for the artists will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday; 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday; and 2 to 5 p.m. May 20.

The gallery is at 1573 Solano Ave. For information call 510-528-9038.

Hills are alive with 'Sound of Music'

EL CERRITO — The Contra Costa Civic Theatre continues its

performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music."

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 26, with matinees at 2 p.m. on Sunday and May 20.

The musical, based on the life of Maria Augusta Trapp, tells the story of a young nun who leaves her convent to become governess for the seven children of a stern, widowed captain in the Australian Navy on the eve of World War II.

From an Austrian abbey to the von Trapp villa, from living room to garden and other scenes, the set moves through 11 changes in the first act and eight scenes in the second act.

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A play about sex, dating and hating your exes

Impact Theatre has built a reputation among young audiences in the Bay Area for presenting exciting, original works that speak to a new generation of theater-goers. "Planet Janet," by Seattle playwright Bret Fetter, directed by Impact's associate artistic director Sarah O'Connell, is no exception.

This character-driven, comedic drama follows six young urbanites as they navigate their way through the rough seas and dating in the 21st century. Janet compulsively seduces man after man. While her best friend Stan urges her to accept her excess of "sexual energy," Janet is unsure whether she's looking for love or just looking

for a good time. "Every time you sleep with someone you try to make it into a relationship and it turns into hell," says Stan. "Maybe it's just okay for you to have sex." When Janet takes her sexual compulsion one step too far, however, it threatens their friendship.

"Planet Janet" plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. through June 10 at La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$12, general, \$7, student. A Pay-What-You-Can Actor/Crew Benefit will be held on May 19.

For more information and reservations call; (510) 464-4468 or visit www.impacttheatre.com.



MICHAEL BRUSASCO, left, plays Stan and Eleanor Mason plays Janet in Impact Theatre's new production, "Planet Janet."

East Bay center a diamond in the Richmond community

IF THEY WEIGHED cultural jewels the same way they do precious stones, Richmond's East Bay Center for the Performing Arts should tip the scales at about 45.52 carats. That puts it even with the Hope diamond — the world's largest sapphire-blue Indian diamond.

Of course the center weighs a lot more in terms of the number of people it serves, especially youths, and that is what this is about. This summer's programs of "Transformational Experiences" will give you an idea of the breadth and richness of this cultural gem.

Programs in the performing arts are available for students from first grade through 12th grade, from amateur to seasoned performer, according to Victoria Skerritt, manager of the Artists & Repertoire Division. Part of the day, or all day, may be spent at the center learning an instrument, a dance, or working in theater and film.

The Children's Folk Theatre, geared toward students in first through sixth grades, is run in conjunction with the Albany YMCA. This summer's theme, Multi-Cultural Urban Folktales, focuses on hip-hop dance, west African and Mexican music



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and dance, and steel drums, blending classical and contemporary movements and songs from around the world.

A Musical Arts Program, designed for fourth- through seventh-graders, is being offered for the first time this year at the main downtown Richmond site, 339 11th St. Private music lessons will be enhanced with opportunities in ensemble playing, basic music skills classes and a group introduction to classic repertoire.

Transportation to the center and back to Jefferson Elementary School in Berkeley is available. The six-week program will run one day per week for roughly four hours a day.

Junior high and senior high students are invited to audition for the Intensive Summer Institute. There they will develop critical perceptual and creative skills through improvisation, composition, choreography,

and writing for theater and film.

The Multi-Cultural Performing Arts Program engages students in every aspect of their field or fields of study. Instruction includes rehearsing, performing and production. People of all ages are welcome.

Noting the wide range and appeal of the summer programs, Diem Jones, administrative director of the performing arts center, says: "This differs from summer camp, as the students are not only having fun but they are also finding an artist inside, learning about themselves and experiencing collaborations."

For information about program costs, scholarships and financial aid, call Skerritt at 510-234-5624, Ext. 15.

NICE DRESS, DUDE: OK, guys, here's your chance. The Masquers Playhouse will begin auditioning for "La Cage aux Folles" next month. Among the performers director George Johnson will be seeking, according to the call notice, are "six men (must be willing to dress as women)." The chosen few will be in the chorus of the musical, one of Broadway's all-time biggest hits.

Hey, if those beefy football

players can climb into tutus and clump through a ballet number at those Christmas extravaganzas, nobody should be chicken about this fun dress-up.

The show also needs two women for the chorus and a principal cast of seven men and three women. The age range is 20 to 55. Sing a brief song. Bring music in your key. Accompanist provided. Read from the script. All should bring jazz and tap shoes.

Auditions are at 2 p.m. June 17 and 7 p.m. June 18. No appointments. No pay. Weekend performances Aug. 24 through Oct. 6. Call 415-826-3292.

The Masquers Playhouse is at 105 Park Place, Point Richmond.

NEXT AT MASQUERS: Before we leave the Masquers, you might want to scribble another entry on your June calendar. "The Diary of Anne Frank" opens at 8 p.m. June 15 and plays Fridays and Saturdays through July 21, with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. June 24 and July 1 and 15.

This powerful, award-winning stage adaptation is based on the diaries of a young Jew-

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EVENTS

Miscellaneous

Paramount Theatre Movie Classics Series — through June 15
The evening includes a classic movie, walk-in music by Jim Riggs on the Wurlitzer organ, a newsreel, cartoon, movie previews and the Paramount's prize give-away game "Dec-O-Win." May 25, 8 p.m.: "My Man Godfrey" (1936). A screwball comedy about a seemingly vagrant William Powell, hired to be the family butler by scatterbrained Manhattan socialite Carole Lombard.
\$5. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 465-6400 or (925) 762-2277

Marcus Book Store — through May 19
Kevin Powell, May 19. The editor of "Step Into a World: A Global Anthology of the New Black Literature" discusses the work, a compilation work by 105 black writers spanning the years 1957 to 1977. Free. Readings at 6:30 p.m. 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 652-2344.

Cody's Bookstores — Oscar London, M.D., May 18. The author describes his latest collection of essays, "From Voodoo to Viagra: The Magic of Medicine." Ari Dorfman, May 21. The author reads from "Blake's Therapy," a novel of psychological intrigue. Daniel Schacter, May 22. The author discusses "The Seven Sins of Memory: How the Mind Forgets and Remembers." Katie Hafner, May 24. The author describes "The Well: A Story of Love, Death and Real Life in the Seminal Online Community," detailing the history of the fledgling Internet community. The Well.

Nathaniel Philbrick, May 25. The author talks about "In the Heart of the Sea," about one of the most notorious maritime disasters of the 19th century. The crew of the Essex whaling ship wound up stranded in the South Pacific and resorted to cannibalism for survival. Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. at 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, unless noted otherwise. (510) 845-7852.

Oakland Public Library — MAIN BRANCH — "Lawyers in the Library," May 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free legal assistance and referral. Advance sign-up at 4:30 p.m.

125 14th St. (510) 238-3134.

ASIAN BRANCH — "Piecing Memories," May 19, 11 a.m. A quilt depicting stories of the Japanese American internment during World War II.

"Lawyers in the Library," May 24, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free legal assistance and referral. Advance sign-up at 4:30 p.m.

"Jie: Traditional Chinese Festivals," May 26, 11 a.m. Robert Chin will discuss the history and customs of traditional Chinese celebrations.

388 9th St., Ste. 190. (510) 238-3400

DIAMOND BRANCH — "Library Advisory Commission," May 21, 4:45 p.m. Open to the public.

3565 Fruitvale Ave. (510) 482-7844.

EASTMONT BRANCH — "African American Genealogy Class," May 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local genealogist Peggy Woodruff will teach this free workshop. Registration required. (510) 615-5974.

7200 Bancroft Ave. (510) 615-5726.

GOLDEN GATE BRANCH — "Book Discussion Group," May 22, 6:30 p.m. Meets every fourth Tuesday.

5606 San Pablo Ave. (510) 597-5023.

ROCKRIDGE BRANCH — "Coffee Break Reading & Refreshments," May 19, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A staged reading of the play "The Fish and the Griffin" by Richard Talavera, presented by Opera Piccola. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

"Learn About Bats with Wings in the Night," May 23, 6:30 p.m. Patricia Winters will educate the audience with a slide show and live tamed bats.

5366 College Ave. (510) 597-5017.

TEMSCAL BRANCH — "Temescal Spring Home Workshops: Working with the Router," May 19, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A master cabinetmaker will teach a class on the uses of the router.

"Temescal Spring Home Workshops: Building a Chicken Coop, a Dog House and a Bunk Bed," May 25, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adam Broner will teach techniques for building these structures.

5205 Telegraph Ave. (510) 597-5049.

Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134.

Spike & Mike's 2001 Classic Festival of Animation — through June 7. This year's mix of films includes work from nine different countries. Among the highlights are the Academy Award-winning "Father and Daughter" by animator Michael Dudok De Wit, Pixar's "For the Birds" and the winner of the Honorable Mention in Short Filmmaking at this year's Sundance Film Festival, "Metropopular."

Oaks Theatre: Daily, through May 24, 1875 Solano Ave., Berkeley. (510) 528-1836.

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'Frank' miniseries worth watching

Frankly speaking: It's a given — and perhaps a cliché — that it's exceedingly difficult for television or the movies to adapt a book (especially a well-written one) and make it as satisfying as the print version.

Books, of course, do not have those constraints of time. Print has, in other words, the "luxury" of being able to tell a story in every detail.

I bring all this up because of ABC's four-hour "Anne Frank" miniseries, premiering at 9 p.m. Sunday and concluding Monday on KGO-TV. This telefilm, as good as it is, can't, for reasons mentioned, begin to match Melissa Muller's award-winning recent biography for texture and detail. But it's an impressive effort, nonetheless. And it's an important movie for young people to see, this enduring story of hatred run amok.

I finished Austrian journalist Muller's recent and exhaustively researched book just before watching this impressive four-hour movie, so I knew its producers had their work cut out for them.

Muller had access to many new Frank family documents, and her book goes into much greater detail than most previous Frank biographies: Muller is able to flesh out the young woman's life long before she and her family went into hiding in Amsterdam. It takes the Frank family back to Anne's early childhood in Germany, from which they fled after Hitler took power. In so doing, she makes Anne seem more of a person than an icon.

ABC's movie, starring the estimable Ben Kingsley as family patriarch Otto Frank, omits Anne's earlier years and picks up her story in Holland when she is 11. Fourteen-year-old Hannah Taylor Gordon, who has never taken acting lessons (she was in "Jakob the Liar") is perfectly cast as the young Jewish girl who is wise beyond her years: The talented young actress vividly matches the image of Anne I got in Muller's outstanding book.

ABC's "Anne Frank" also devotes far more time than the book did to what happened after the family was betrayed and the Gestapo raided The Annex and arrested the five hiding adults and three teenagers. Several scenes that are mentioned only in passing in the book, such as the Frank family cat having to be left behind when they went into hiding, become major scenes in this new film, presumably because of emotional content. In her book, Muller lets the reader only imagine what it was like for Anne to have to separate from her beloved pet.

Kingsley's Otto Frank is the epitome of decency and com-

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Strings orchestra has some openings

The Berkeley-based New Millennium Strings Orchestra, conducted by Laurien Jones, has begun rehearsals for the opening set of concerts of its fourth season. Planned for May 26 and 27, the concerts will feature pianist Charles Worth in Carl Maria von Weber's "Konzertstück" for piano and orchestra. Other works on the program will be "España" by Emmanuel Chabrier, George Bizet's "Symphony in C", and Weber's "Invitation to the Dance."

There are openings in the viola, cello and bass sections. Interested musicians are invited to apply for seating. Rehearsals are from 7:30-10 p.m. on Tuesdays, at Arlington Community Church in Kensington.

Dues for the season are ten dollars, which helps pay expenses.

The group is non-profit and plays benefit concerts for worthy projects. For information phone the music director at 528-4633 or orchestra manager Hal Bosworth at 526-3331.

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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• **Amores Perros** (R) 6:45, 9:50
• **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 7:15, 10:00

Albany Twin

1115 Seard Avenue, Albany 843-FILM
• **The Golden Bowl** (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
• **The Lush Life** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 8:45

California Theatres

2113 Kirtland Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
• **The Center of the World** (NR) 1:25, 3:20, 5:20, 7:25, 9:25
• **Memento** (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40
• **Pollock** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

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• **Along Came a Spider** (R) 11:35 a.m., 1:50, 4:10, 6:50, 9:05, 11:30
• **Amores Perros** (R) 12:20, 3:25, 7:00, 10:05
• **Angel Eyes** (R) 11:15 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 12:30, 1:35, 2:35, 3:40, 4:15, 5:05, 6:30, 6:40, 7:35, 8:05, 9:10, 10:00, 10:30, 11:40

• **Blow** (R) noon, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:05
• **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 11:45 a.m., 1:55, 4:05, 6:55, 9:30, 11:35
• **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles** (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:35, 11:50

• **The Debut** (NR) 11:10 a.m., 1:25, 3:35, 6:10, 8:15, 10:40
• **Driven** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:25, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10

• **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:35, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:40, 4:00, 5:00, 5:25, 6:25, 7:25, 7:55, 8:20, 9:20, 10:10, 11:20

• **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 12:15, 1:25, 1:40, 2:20, 2:30, 3:15, 3:55, 4:45, 5:05, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:05, 8:25, 9:15, 9:50, 10:25, 11:25, 11:55

• **Shrek** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:25, 12:50, 1:20, 1:45, 2:15, 2:40, 3:05, 3:30, 4:00, 4:25, 4:50, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:05, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:25, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45

• **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55

Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
• **Shrek** (PG) noon, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

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10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 336-7200
• **The Mysteries of Egypt** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:30
• **Solar Max** (NR) 3:00, 7:30
• **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:00

Elmwood

2666 Colgate Avenue, Berkeley 849-0530
• **Before Night Falls** (R) 2:25, 3:05
• **Best in Show** (PG-13) 5:00, 9:35
• **Chocolat** (PG-13) 4:50, 7:00
• **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 9:10
• **Spy Kids** (PG) 4:40
• **You Can Count on Me** (R) 7:15

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
• **Charlotte** (1964) (NR) 8:45
• **The Love of Other Women** (NR) 7:30

Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
• **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
• **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:15, 6:30, 9:15
• **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:15
• **Shrek** (PG) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:15, 10:15

Jack London Cinema

100 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320
• **Angel Eyes** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
• **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45
• **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 1:00, 1:35, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:45

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Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
• **Angel Eyes** (R) 11:30 a.m., noon, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10
• **Blow** (R) 9:10
• **The Brothers** (R) 7:20, 10:05
• **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles** (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50
• **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 12:40, 2:50, 3:50, 6:10, 7:00, 9:20, 10:00

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• **Spy Kids** (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 4:25, 7:10

IMAX

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
• **Alibaba** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
• **Daman** (NR) 5:00
• **Ek Rikhaba** (NR) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 11:00
• **Jodi No. 1** 5:00, 9:00
• **Kannada Movie** (NR) 9:30
• **Pysar Tune Kya Kiyi** (NR) 5:00, 9:00

Oaks Theater

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
• **Blow** (R) 7:00, 9:35
• **Spike and Mike's Classic Festival of Animation** 2001 (NR) 6:00, 8:15, 10:20

Piedmont Theatre

4185 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM
• **The Golden Bowl** (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
• **Himalaya: L'Enfance D'un Chef** (G) 1:50, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15
• **Memento** (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
• **The Circle** (NR) 2:05, 4:25, 7:15, 9:40
• **The Chiam** (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
• **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10
• **The Dish** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00
• **Himalaya: L'Enfance D'un Chef** (G) 1:50, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15

• **Keep the River on Your Right: A Modern Cannibal Tale** (R) 2:20, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45
• **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
• **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:20, 6:55, 9:20
• **Startup.com** (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
• **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35

UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-1487
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• **Traffic** (R) 8:30

UA Emerybay 10

6330 Christie Avenue, Emeryville 428-0107
• **Along Came a Spider** (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
• **Angel Eyes** (R) 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45, 12:30, 4:00

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UA Hayward 6

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Blackhawk Movies 7

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Reviews

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Yon's him is crowd-pleasing. The title is taken from the 18th burlesque comedian celebrating the death of Merced (Bernadette Baglats), who narrates would be more intriguing, ravenously would be on brother Ben (Pittsburg native Dante Basco), who has thrived Filipino traditions in favor of his (white) friends and his animation artwork. The freshman directorial effort is at best earnest and often amateurish with derivative writing and hackneyed scenarios, but it is a first in Filipino-American cinema. — V. Chan. (NR) 1 hour, 34 minutes C+

"THE DISNEY" This lightweight, inoffensive comedy from Australian is one you can take the whole family to. It's 1969 and Neil Armstrong is about to walk on the moon. But NASA needs help transmitting the images, so it turns to a three-man team of scientists running a giant radio telescope in the Australian outback. Naturally, the scientists who run the dish, led by Sam Neill, are a bunch of eccentrics, and the love/magic can create a war as a bit thin as the limited tension is stretched to make the movie feature length. But the moon walk, and its impact on the world, is inspiring. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief, strong language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. B-

"DRIVEN": This car racing movie is for the boys. Rip Van Winkle plays a pro who's bucking under the pressure until he forms a bond with a washed-up pro, played by Sylvester Stallone. A macho movie through and through, there's a lot of plain talk about being true to oneself. There are some women, but this is a boy's game, and if you're in the mood for that, it fills the bill. — M. Ritter. (PG-13: language and some intense crash sequences.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B-

"ENEMY AT THE GATES": An impressive — and quite beautiful — cast dominates this romantic drama set during World War II. Jude Law, Joseph Fiennes, Ed Harris and Rachel Weisz star in a movie where everyone looks almost too pretty to be believed. The battle scenes are remarkably staged, but the film falls short of the greatness it aspires to have. — M. Pols. (R: violence and some sexuality.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B

"HAUNTED CASTLE": This 3D IMAX film promises horror and delivers it in an unintended way. The film, which follows the brief adventure of a budding rock singer, makes the special effects the real star, and some of these are quite good. But a film needs to commit itself to more than merely promising shiny, rotating 3D objects for our distraction. Either "Haunted Castle" should have gone straight for the adult jugular and rating, or spent a smidgen more time making the special effects actually do something other than look pretty. — V. Chan (PG: creepy images.) 40 minutes. B

"JOSSIE AND THE PUSSYCATS": The old Archie-comic-turned TV-cartoon series has been turned into living, breathing stick figures in this high-pitched film. Ben star Rachael Leigh Cook is Jossie, Tossie Dawson is Val and Tara Reid is Melody, all of whom discover that their music is being planted with subliminal marketing messages. There's a nice setup here, but the execution is poor, making this "Jossie" a bore. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language and sensuality.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C-

"KEEP THE RIVER ON THE RIGHT: A MODERN CANNIBAL TALE": On paper, this fascinating documentary sounds almost too bizarre to be real. A brother/sister team of directors, David and Laurie Goven Shapiro, tell the story of Tobias Schneebaum, a 79-year-old gay New Yorker who is an artist, an anthropologist, a cruise ship lecturer and a former cannibal. With the filmmakers in tow, Schneebaum revisits first the jungles of Indonesia, where he lived with a tribe of headhunters in the early 1970s, and then the jungles of Peru, where he lived for

a year with cannibals. Sounds like "Heart of Darkness" rewritten by Edmund White. But as off-putting as that may be, Schneebaum is immediately captivating, and so is his story. — M. Pols. (R: depiction of mature thematic material.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. B

"KINGDOM COME": A divided African-American family comes together to mourn its curmudgeonly patriarch in this overacted comedy/drama starring an ensemble cast. All sorts of family dysfunction surfaces, and most of it comes out in the form of shouts and tears. Showing much-needed restraint are Vivica A. Fox and Whoopi Goldberg. It's manipulative, but some might find it inspirational as well. — C. Vognar. (PG: language, sexual content, bodily humor.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. C-

"A KNIGHT'S TALE": With its combination of pop music, blatant historical inaccuracies and feel-good Rocky-esque underpinnings, this action movie with a medieval setting is supremely, but also joyfully, creative. It's as audacious as its young hero, William Thatcher (Heath Ledger). William is the son of a poor man, so jousting, a nobleman's sport, is off-limits to him, but he wants in anyway. When an accident gives him a chance, he triumphs and begins winning joust after joust. He's accompanied by a merry band of commoners, and eventually, loved by a beautiful noblewoman (Shannyn Sossamon, who can't act, but fulfills her beauty requirement).

— M. Pols. (PG-13: Action violence, some nudity and brief sex-related dialogue.) 2 hours, 12 minute. B

"THE LUZHIN DEFENSE": A chess prodigy (John Turturro) competes in a world championship at an Italian lake-side resort and falls for a young Russian woman (Emily Watson). The love story is touchingly and convincingly acted, as Watson's character becomes enamored by the strangeness and intensity of Turturro's character. Based on a Vladimir Nabokov book, "Luzhin" captures the novel's heartfelt romanticism and its dashing intellectual vigor. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: discreet sex scenes and some moments of intense emotions.) B

"MEMENTO": Christopher Nolan's thriller is told backward in roughly 10-minute increments, which has made it buzz central among the spring releases. But even after two viewings, "Memento" comes off more as a clever gag than a piece of wildly innovative filmmaking. It's set up to reward the sharp-eyed viewer. Figure out what's going on and pat yourself on the back for being in the same intellectual stratosphere as the filmmaker. Still, Guy Pearce couldn't be better as Leonard, a former insurance claims investigator who's on a mission to find his wife's killer, but is hampered by having no short-term memory. — M. Pols. (R: violence, drug content and some language.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. B-

"THE MUMMY RETURNS": Like its 1999 predecessor, it's virtually guaranteed to be a blockbuster, but this is a tiresome movie: confusing, loud, violent and so bloated with special effects that you want to crawl into a dark hole when it finally drains to a close. The action picks up in 1933, about nine years after the first film. Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser) first got together. They're married now and have a son, Alex (Freddie Boath). They're living happily ever after if you'd hadn't woken up the mummy again, as well as an even more powerful character named the Scorpion King. Many of the special effects look too fake to be believed, and the plot is incomprehensible nonsense. — M. Pols. (PG-13) 2 hours, 1 minute. C-

"O BROTHA, WHERE ART THOU?": The most sublimely insane and creative movie to come along for awhile is a strange hybrid of musical comedy, silent movies and "The Wizard of Oz." In the latest from the Coen brothers ("Fargo," "Raising Arizona"), George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson play a trio of chain-gang escapees making their way around the back roads of Mississippi in the middle of the Depres-

sion. Based on "The Odyssey" although beyond the basics the Homeric references are fairly scant. The soundtrack is fantastic, so are the visuals and you'll want to make a return trip to catch all the jokes. And there's nary a wood chipper in sight. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some violence and language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. A-

"POLLOCK": You can't beat the acting in directorist Ed Harris' biographical movie about painter Jackson Pollock. As the troubled artist, Harris is brilliant, and so is Marcia Gay Harden as his wife, painter Lee Krasner, who sacrifices her own work to baby-sit the self-destructive genius. The supporting actors, including Amy Madigan as art collector Peggy Guggenheim, are right on. But the movie suffers from the conventions of ye oldie cuffed-up-artist plot. And, although no biopic can cover all the territory in someone's life, there are missing pieces within the version Harris has chosen to tell. In a four-hour version on PBS or HBO, this might have been a much more gloriously rich story. — M. Pols. (R: language and brief sexuality.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B-

"SPY KIDS": Robert Rodriguez's action flick for kids has a sly sense of humor, gloriously fantastical sets and, at its core, a goate-headed but never preachy message about the importance of family. Antonio Banderas plays former superspy Gregorio Cortez, who retired from secret agent-dom when he met and married fellow spy Ingrid (the perky Carla Gugino). Eleven years later, they have two kids, Carmen (Alexa Vega) and Juni (Daryl Sabara), and a lucrative consulting business, but can't resist the urge to save the world. Their latest foe is the evil Fegan Floop (Alan Cumming). When they run into trouble, it's up to their excellent pair of kids to save them. — M. Pols. (PG: action sequences.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. A-

"THE TAILOR OF PANAMA": Pierce Brosnan and Geoffrey Rush star in this satisfying blend of action, intrigue, snappy dialogue and dark humor, based on one of John le Carré's espionage stories. Brosnan plays a jaded spy exiled to Panama after flubbing an assignment. He manipulates a British ex-spy who works in a tailor shop in Panama City (Rush) into revealing secrets about the Panama Canal. The hitch here is that Rush's stories are just that — overblotted stories. Solid acting and shrewd direction and writing make this a must-see. — D. Gernman. (R: strong sexuality, language and some violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B+

"WITH A FRIEND LIKE HARRY": Sad sack Michel (Laurent Lucas), saddled with three kids, a grumpy wife and a pair of annoying parents, needs help getting his life together. Along comes Harry (Sergi Lopez) — an old high school classmate who admires Michel's former self just a little too much — with a most peculiar and nefarious way of helping. A wickedly funny dark comedy that owes a lot to Hitchcock, but still manages to be fresh. In French with English subtitles. — M. Pols. (R: language, some violence and a scene of nudity.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. A-

"YOU CAN COUNT ON ME": Kenneth Lonergan makes a strong debut as writer/director in this offbeat movie about the bond between brothers and sisters. Sammy (Laura Linney) and Terry (Mark Ruffalo) were orphaned as young kids, and their lives have taken very different paths. Sammy works at the local bank and has never left home (she lives in their parents' house with her 8-year-old son), while Terry is an aimless drifter. The movie looks at what happens when Terry comes home for a visit and the two are reunited. Co-winner of this year's Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, this is a small movie that parks itself in your brain and refuses to depart. Linney and Ruffalo are both outstanding, and Matthew Broderick shines (as usual) in a small part. — M. Pols. (R: language, some sexuality and drug use.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. A-

problem with the movie's divided sense of humor. The jokes fall into two camps: toilet/body function humor for the kids and sophisticated wit for the adults in the audience. Yet "Shrek" errs a bit too far on the side of parental entertainment. Adults may be grateful, but it almost doesn't seem fair to the kids this movie is intended for to devote so much energy to going over their heads.

Here's an example: Arriving at Lord Farquaad's toweringly tall and imposing castle, Shrek and the donkey stop and look up. "Do you think he's compensating for something?" Shrek says to the donkey, laughing knowingly. The donkey, representing children, doesn't get the joke and looks puzzled. Lord Farquaad is short, but it's clear as the movie makes repeated references to his "shortcomings" that there are sexual overtones to Shrek's sly aside. Maybe it's prudish to feel this way, but it would be nice if a movie intended for 7-year-olds didn't raise a complicated body-image issue like penis size. It's difficult enough being a kid.

of Oakland affects everyday life in the Bay area. A full day of education, food and fun, including a vintage air show, dragon boat races and live music by local Latin jazz aficionados John Santos and the Machete Ensemble, R&B singer Ledisi and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. Also performing will be the Red Panda Acrobats, the West African dance troupe Diamono Cura, Desert Dave's repiles from around the world, and The Raiderettes.

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posure under pressure — just as he is in Muller's book.

A third big plus in this new film is a luminous performance by Lili Taylor as Miep Gies, Otto Frank's faithful employee who risked her own life to bring food and supplies to the hidden Jews during their harrowing 2-1/2 years in hiding. (Gies, by the way, is 92 and still living in Amsterdam.)

So, by all means, do watch Sunday's fine movie, and watch it with your children from about age 12 and up (the death-camp scenes Monday night, while poignant and artistically done, are graphic and will disturb younger children.)

And if you like the film, be sure to read Muller's impressive book. The New York Times review of it said, "One might ask, what remains to be said about Anne Frank? Quite a bit, as it turns out." This film supports that.

"Sopranos" Ends: We mentioned last week that it's likely one of the principal characters on Sunday's HBO season finale

of "The Sopranos" could get whacked and end up sleeping either with the fishes or the salvaged autos.

So here's my early line on who might get lead poisoning Sunday: Christopher, 3-2; Gloria, the Mercedes salesperson and potential homewrecker, 2-1; Paulie (that ex-Russian soldier he thought he'd killed is still running around somewhere, after all), 2-1; Jackie Junior: 3-1; Janice 4-1.

It seems like only yesterday the short, 13-episode third season began. And it'll be a long 10 months before the acclaimed series starts its fourth, and presumably last, season.

Speaking of which, my nomination for the best Headline of the Week: I spotted this one in the Willamette Weekly up in Portland last weekend, heralding the three-day visit by the Dalai Lama to that Oregon city:

"Buddha Bing!"

"Dancing in the dark?: So what if our homes and our computer screens are dark this summer? So what if those of us who live in rural areas are also without water (it takes electricity to run water pumps)? Life's a beach, right? It's time to

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ish girl who, with her family and some Jewish neighbors, went into hiding during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Renee Echavez is directing.

Tickets are \$12. Call 510-232-4031.

STUNNER AT THE REP: Previews of "The Laramie Project," the final production in Berkeley Repertory Theatre's 2000-01 season, begin Friday in the new Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St., next door to the existing thrust stage.

The play, written and directed by Moises Kaufman, with additional staging by Leigh Fondakowski, opens May 23 and closes July 8. This is a

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Music direction is by Joanne Gabel and choreography by Marysye Young.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$6 for youths 18 and younger with current identification. The theater is at 951 Pomona Ave. For reservations call 510-524-9132. For group sales call 510-524-6654.

BHS Jazz Combos at Jazzschool/La Note

BERKELEY — The Berkeley High School Jazz Combos will perform in a fundraiser for the school jazz program on Sunday, June 3, at 4:30 p.m. at Jazzschool/La Note 2377 Shattuck Ave. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 students, \$6 Jazzschool students and children under 13. Reservations: 510-845-5373.

Works of Bach, Stravinsky, Mozart, and Prokofiev

BERKELEY — Berkeley Lyric Opera Orchestra, with John Kendall Bailey, conductor and Ivan Ilic, piano, performs classical and neoclassical works by Bach, Stravinsky, Mozart, and Prokofiev on Sunday, May 27, at 8 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave.

Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 student/senior, at the door. Reservations by phone. Call 510-843-5781 for more information and reservations.

Thai music, dance moves to television

"The Language of Sound and Movement" a television program on Thai music and dance in the Bay Area, will be presented by Celebrating Culture & Community.

Programs will be aired at 8 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday on Contra Costa TV (CCTV), Channel 27 for West County and Albany, and on Channel 18 or 19 for Central and East County.

The performing group comes from Berkeley's Thai Cultural Center and Temple (Wat Mongkolratnaram). Included in the show will be colorful handmade costumes, women wearing 3-inch golden fingernails, intricate dances that are hundreds of years old and authentic instruments. The show finale will be a performance by a 30-piece Thai orchestra.

Sponsors include Celebrating Culture & Community, California Arts Council, Contra Costa

party on, dude.

And here's how I propose that we do it here in megawatt-impaired California this summer: Outage block parties!

When your electricity lottery number is called this summer — and, of course, it WILL be called — homes and offices will go dark in your rotating outage block.

Oh, sure, you could sit around and curse the darkness. But there's a better way: In the immortal words of a Bay Area hit machine, this summer we'll be "takin' it to the streets."

So, print up some signs in advance for your outage block: "Block 7 Rules," or "Block Five Takes No Jive."

These outage-block parties will take place at a predetermined site — say, the parking lot of a blacked-out supermarket — and the powerless will become recharged/empowered by dancin' in the dark and singing anthems like "Power to the People," "Electric Avenue," "Fight The Power (Profiteers)," and "We're Blacked Out and We're Proud!"

Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsmann@sonic.net.

In November, the company returned to Laramie to perform for an audience that included many of the people portrayed on stage.

The play is currently being made into a film for HBO.

Kaufman, founder and artistic director of New York-based Tectonic Theater Project, is the author of the critically acclaimed "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde." The play has been produced in more than 50 cities in the United States and abroad, including San Francisco.

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker at P.O. Box 100, Pinole, CA 94564; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ccimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

life of Latin Americans. Details: 849-2568.

Morgan Center offers 'the Sun and Moon'

BERKELEY — "Procession of the Sun and Moon", a full length drama with masked characters, music, and giant 9-foot-high puppets of the sun and moon, will be presented at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. at Derby, on May 27 at 2 p.m. This new version of the production will feature local performers who will play in the puppets and the colorful masked characters who form their entourage. Live music by local performers will also be an integral part of the theatrical event.

The handcrafted masks, puppets, and costumes in this production are works of art in themselves, complementing the visual poetry, humor, and larger than life performance style. After each performance, interested audience members will have a chance to meet the giant figures and masked characters at close quarters.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call CBON at 925-798-1300.

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Shrek

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where she's being held. In exchange for safe delivery of Fiona, Farquaad will rid the swamp of the fairy-tale creatures.

We're told that Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) likes "piña coladas and walks in the rain" (just one of the many places where music is used to lively effect in "Shrek") but, as Shrek learns, she's more complicated. She also likes burping. "Matrix"-like martial arts, and has her own notions about Prince Charming. There's also a neat trick involving her picture-perfect beauty that feeds into "Shrek's" commendable message about the significance of appearance.

Mike Myers uses one of his favorite accents, the Scottish burr, to voice Shrek. Since Shrek is an ogre, created from William Steig's children's book character, he's got to be big and scary instead of soft and squishy like Myers. There's an occasional sense of disconnect between voice and body, which isn't helped by the

fact that Shrek looks strangely like actor Jon Favreau.

Otherwise, "Shrek" is a visual marvel; it's got the beauty and realism of one of Chris Van Allsburg's children's books. The landscapes, from the redwoods to the fields of sunflowers, are magical. The people look real, but not so real as to interfere with the fairy tale. Murphy's donkey is clearly a cartoon exaggeration, but watch the way his stomach rises and falls when he's sleeping. The animators have nailed it.

The kids probably won't notice the animation, though. They'll be too busy focusing on "Shrek's" blatantly crude bathroom humor. The first time we see Shrek, he's using the elaborately illustrated pages of a fairy-tale book as toilet paper. From there, he farts his way through the movie. In a charming sequence where Shrek and Fiona make each other hot air balloons, you practically expect they'll use flatulence to blow them up.

They don't, thank heavens, but the fact that the possibility even enters the mind illustrates the

land. (510) 531-3400 or www.ascensioncathedral.org

"Picing Memories: Recollections Of Japanese American Internment During World War II" — May 19, 11 a.m. In celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, Bess Kawachi Chin of the Japanese American Services of the East Bay presents a quilt that tells the stories behind this event.

Free. Oakland Library, Asian Branch, 388 9th St., Suite 190, Oakland. (510) 238-3400.

Oakland's Portfest 2001 — May 19, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Learn how the Port

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Omnia Theater: Daily, through May 24, 2 Omnia Square, Orinda. (925) 254-9060.

For prices and show times

Festival Of Greece 2001 — May 18 through May 20 Greek food music, dancing and arts and crafts are the highlights of this event. The dining rooms open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. \$5 general, free children under 12. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension, 4700 Lincoln Ave., Oak-

In the spotlight

Faces to watch



HERMAN BLUSTAMANTE JR. STAFF

OUTSIDE THE BOX: Avant-garde musician Bob Marsh of El Cerrito makes light work of conducting.

Marsh marches to different drummer than most people

BOB MARSH holds some rather unconventional ideas about music. The El Cerrito musician pushes the musical envelope with avant-garde improvisational harmonies you won't hear on mainstream radio.

Marsh experiments with melodies he describes as a fusion of traditional Indian raga, classical and jazz. While he chiefly plays cello, Marsh can effortlessly oscillate between the vibraphone, accordion and a dozen other instruments in his quest for rare sounds.

One of his myriad projects includes "light conducting," in which he manages a phalanx of lights, signaling musicians when to stop, speed up or slow down to his interpretation of the music — no gestulating white sticks here.

Marsh's musical experimentation doesn't stop with his unorthodox ensembles or musical interpretation. The 56-year-old performer also crafts a plethora of quirky, one-of-a-kind instruments, including the Box-tar (think wooden box meets guitar strings), and his innovative "communal" instrument dubbed the Democraphone, which can allow for the strumming thumbs of nearly 60 people at one time.

"It was an interesting sound in the end; kind of like walking in the woods and hearing a variety of different birds," Marsh says, describing the instrument's Detroit debut.

His unorthodox tunes can be heard at the upcoming Big Sur Experimental Music Festival, Saturday and May 20.

So, how do you define "avant-garde" music?

"It has to diverge from the usual usage of instruments, harmony and melody. It's got to be exploratory, move to

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— Bob Marsh

new territory."

How did you get into music?

"As a small child, I would play sticks and sing to this dog in a parking lot. Later, I began to play guitar in high school, following my brother's folk roots. I would play 'Michael Row the Boat Ashore' on my guitar. I liked listening to folk and jazz and exotic music. Miles Davis was my hero."

Describe the improvisational music process.

"It's sort of hard to explain ... it's a pushing forward into the unknown to see what new things happen. Sort of like jumping off a cliff, a sort of blind faith."

What are some ways you experiment with your instruments?

"I use a lot of things on my cello, like different types of strings like fish line, or I use chopsticks and pieces of metal. You'd be surprised. Several avant-

garde players use a variety of things that are probably shocking to some people."

Tell me a bit about the accordion marching band you have in the works.

"I dabbled in Chicago in the sitting-down version. But I had this idea where I wanted to see it move through space, through people and in a downtown setting. That's my goal: a group of four to six accordion players playing improv."

How did you get hooked on the accordion?

"Somebody gave me an old, really wheezy, rickety one in Detroit 15 years ago and I began to investigate it. I began to see it was a really interesting sound. It had many other voices than Lawrence Welk and company would give it."

What qualities do you need to experiment with music?

"There's a sense that I have to play this music. Like a calling, by the music itself; like a muse is calling me to play. It's definitely a passion — a passion that doesn't pay much. It's a very noncommercial thing, but we're (experimental musicians) dedicated to it in spite of that."

Any future goals for the direction of your music?

"It'll never really make it into the mainstream, but hopefully it will be better-known. I think we, as a group of musicians in the Bay Area, are interested in becoming better-known so people have the chance to hear it. Some people say 'I've never heard music like this before.' Others walk out in the middle of a set. Most people get very interested. If you never hear it, though, you never have the chance to leave or want more."

— Cassandra Braun

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"Celebrating Elephants" At The Oakland Zoo — May 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. An opportunity to go behind the scenes in the elephant barn and talk to the keepers.
\$6.50 general, \$3.50 seniors and children age 2 to 14; free children under age 2; \$3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland, (510) 632-9625 or www.oaklandzoo.org

Satsuki Arts Festival And Bazaar — May 19 and May 20. With the Julio Bravo Orquesta Salsabor salsa band and the Delta Wires R&B band. Other performers include the Kulingtang Dance Theatre, Kaulana Na Pua Hawaiian dance troupe, members of the Naginata Federation, who employ Japanese long swords, and Kanyushi Kai, performing traditional Okinawan dance and music. Proceeds benefit the Berkeley Buddhist Temple.
Free. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. 2121 Channing Way, Berkeley, (510) 841-1356.

Celebration Of Old Roses — May 20, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An opportunity for floral fans to learn about heirloom roses arranged in various categories.
Free. El Cerrito Community Center, Moesher Avenue, El Cerrito, (925) 935-9156.

Visions In Light And Sound: Oakland Asian American Film And Video Showcase — May 25 and May 26. This inaugural event will exhibit the best in recent works by and about Asian Americans, including documentaries, experimental and animated films and videos and highlights from the San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival.
\$9 to 10 general; \$6 to \$8 seniors and students; free some showings. Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth St., Suite 390, Oakland, (510) 208-6080. www.OaklandAsianCulturalCenter.com or www.naatnet.org

Himalayan Fair — May 26 and May 27. The Bay area's celebration of Himalayan mountain cultures includes authentic arts and crafts, music and dance, exotic food and other entertainment. Featured are Odissi dances, Kathak dances of northern Indian and Tibetan dancing.
\$5 donation. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1300 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 869-3995 or www.himalayanfair.net

Exhibits

A.C.C.I. Gallery — "The Landscape Show," May 18 through June 23. An exhibition of works by California artists representing the natural and organic environment.
Opening Reception, May 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Free. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 843-2527 or www.acci.citysearch.com

Addison Street Window Gallery — "America the Beautiful," May 18 through June 9. An exhibition of works by Janet Lee Brown that purports to show the darker side of American life.
Artist Reception, June 9, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Free. 2018 Addison St., Berkeley.

Bade Museum — "Alive in Her: Icons of the Goddess," through June 19. An exhibit of photography, collage and acrylic painting.
Free. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, (510) 848-0528.

Berkeley Art Center — "Watershed 2001," May 20 through July 14. An exhibition of paintings,

drawings, sculpture and installations relating to the vital resource.
Opening Reception, May 20, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley, (510) 644-6893

Chi Gallery — Juan Alicia and Emmanuel C. Montoya, through June 1. An exhibit of murals by the artists.
Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 912A Clay St., Oakland, (510) 832-4CHI.

Christensen Heller Gallery — "In Honor of Mothers and Daughters," through July 8. An exhibit of work by four artists.
Opening Reception, May 11, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 5831 College Ave., Oakland, (510) 655-5952.

Creative Growth Art Center — "Decor Armour," through June 15. An exhibit of work in various media celebrating the spirit of home.
Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland, (510) 836-2340 or www.creative-growth.org

The Fig Tree Gallery — The paintings are a series of eight large paintings entitled Vigil, based on Mesopotamian votive statues, a Minoan fresco fragment, and a snapshot of carnels. Through May 27, paintings by Nell Haskell and Barbara Fraochia. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., 2599 Eighth St., Number 42, (Corner of Parker and Eighth), Berkeley, CA 94710

Graduate Theological Union — "Bernard Malsiner. Illuminated Manuscripts and Paintings," through Aug. 8. A mid-career retrospective exhibit. "Geographies of My Heart," through Aug. 24. An exhibit of collage paintings by Jennifer Colby.
Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Rd., Berkeley, (510) 649-2541.

Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery — Justin Hunter, closing May 26. An exhibit of recent paintings.
Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 942 Clay St., Oakland, (510) 625-1350.

Mills College Art Museum — Master of Fine Arts Exhibition, through May 31. An exhibition of the graduate work of a dozen candidates for Master of Fine Arts degrees.
Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, (510) 430-2164.

New Pieces Quilt Shop Gallery — "Looking Ahead: New Works," through May 31. Works by Margaret J. Miller.
"Erika's Real Doll Children," through May 31. Works by Erika Schoell.
Free. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley, (510) 527-6779 or www.newpieces.com.

Oakland City Hall — "The Disability Mural," through June 8. A mural created by people with disabilities describing their civil rights history.
Free. Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, (510) 841-1466.

Pro Arts Gallery — SPECIAL EVENT — "Bring Art Into Your Life: Appreciating and Collecting Art," May 31. A three-part seminar held in conjunction with the June East Bay Open Studios 2001. For new collectors, first time buyers and all art lovers. Reservations required. \$49 for the three-part seminar. (510) 763-4361.

May 31, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Open Studios 2001 guided tour and sneak preview, the final session in the series. At Pro Arts Gallery and various artists' studios.
Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.

to 5 p.m. 461 Ninth St., Oakland, (510) 763-9425

Red Oak Realty Gallery — "Spring Show," through June 8. Recent work by five award-winning East Bay women artists.
Free. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley, (925) 472-0680.

San Francisco Museum Of Modern Art — "Revelatory Landscapes," through Oct. 14. An exhibition of five site-specific projects around the Bay area drawing attention to typically unseen landscape zones on the edge of the urban scene.
Seventh and Peralta Streets, Oakland: "Landscape in Blue — Entropy in the Landscape." Hood Design will position a series of benches describing the historical changes at the intersection, once known for its vibrant jazz and blues scene before construction of the U.S. Post Office and the West Oakland BART there.
Interstate 80 and University Avenue, Berkeley: "Coastlines." The Tom Leader Studio will install a series of black screens that relate to the alignments of the area, from geologic faults and rail lines to municipal designations.
Free. A map with specific directions is available at SFMOMA in San Francisco, (415) 947-1292 or www.sfmoma.org/landscape

Thelma Harris Art Gallery — "Praise," through May 31. An exhibit of photography featuring the works of Carlton F. Wilkinson.
Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 5940 College Ave., Oakland, (510) 654-0443.

Traywick Gallery — "Elemental," through June 9. Recent paintings and works on paper by Bay area artist Linda Mieke Allen.
Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1316 10th St., Berkeley, (510) 527-1214 or www.traywick.com

University Of Creation Spirituality — "Arts and Activism Exhibit," through June 2. Works expressing the spirit of Cinco de Mayo.
Reception, May 2, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free. 2141 Broadway, Oakland, (510) 835-4827, ext. 31.

Outdoors

Brooks Island — "Brooks Island Kayak," closing May 19. A brief introduction to equipment and strokes with a trip through Richmond Harbor. For age 12 and up. Call for dates and times. Registration required.
\$78. Just off the Richmond Inner Harbor, Richmond, (510) 636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

Anthony Chabot Regional Park — The centerpiece of this park, 20 minutes from downtown Oakland, is the 315-acre Lake Chabot. Other attractions are hiking, riding and bicycling through grasslands, chaparral and shady eucalyptus groves.
"Chabot Campfire Program," May 26, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A talk about nocturnal animals. For campers and non-campers. All ages. Reservations required. (510) 521-6887.
Parking fee. Redwood Road, Oakland, (510) 562-PARK or www.ebparks.org

Crab Cove — "Fish Seine-Net Adventure," May 27, 10 a.m. to noon. A day for adults and seniors to get in-depth technical information about the Bay. Pull on a pair of hip waders and help tow a seine net through the shallow waters in search of pipe fish, surf perch, marine pillbugs, ghost shrimp and other marine creatures. Reservations required. (510) 521-6887.
"Estuary Explorers," ongoing. This educational program is designed to help children age 6 to 8 explore na-

ture independently. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.
May 20, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Ocean Hunters. Squid and Octopus.
May 24: "All About Otters."
"Sea Squirts," ongoing. For ages 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. Each program offers an outdoor exploration, a theme-related craft and a snack. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.
"Sea Siblings," ongoing. This children's weekly outing includes a craft, a snack and an outdoor exploration. For ages 3 to 5 with a younger sibling. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.
May 22: "Outstanding Otters." 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda, (510) 521-6887 or www.ebparks.org

Dunsmuir House And Gardens Historic Estate — Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. The mansion is surrounded by restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens.
MANSON 2001 TOUR SEASON — through Sept. 26. Learn the stories of the families that built and lived in the mansion over the last century as well as receive an introduction to the surrounding historic landscape. Meet docents at the Dinkelspiel House near the main entrance of the estate. Wednesday, 11 a.m. and noon. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and juniors age 6 through 13; free children age 5 and under.
GROUNDS — The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

FAMILY SUNDAY — through Sept. 2. Family programs take place on the first Sunday of the month and include a performance, Mansion tours and self-guided garden tours. Bring a picnic and enjoy the weather. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and youths age 14 to 18; free children age 13 and under.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, (925) 275-9490 or (510) 615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org

Golden Gate Model Railroad Museum — "2001, A Model Railroad Odyssey" through Oct. 28. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, H.O. and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakerville. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. The displays are built and operated by the 68-year-old East Bay Model Engineers Society.
\$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$6 family maximum. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900-A Dorman Drive, Point Richmond, (510) 234-4884.

Oakland Hills "Hidden Gardens" Tour — May 20, noon to 4 p.m. Ten hidden gardens in the Fernwood neighborhood of the Oakland Hills will be open to the public for a spring garden tour. Proceeds from this self-guided tour benefit civic beautification programs, including local elementary school youth gar-

dens. Co-sponsored by the Fernwood Community Club and the Hillside Gardeners of Montclair. A ticket is the map to garden locations.
\$20. Oakland, (510) 339-8152 or (510) 547-3856

Oakland's Historic Downtown Walking Tours — through October. The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last between an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.
City Center, May 19. Turn-of-the-century landmarks alongside modern highrises are seen in this tour. Explore the upbeat style of the modern City Center Square. Meet at the Oakland City Hall, No. 1 City Hall Plaza, across from the City Hall front entrance.

Uptown to the Lake, May 23. Tour the beautiful Art Deco buildings of Oakland's Broadway business district. Learn the history of the 1930s merchants and marvel at the ornate tile and terra-cotta architecture. Meet in front of the Paramount Theater, Broadway and 20th Street.

Historic Churches and Temples, May 26. Visit three historic places of worship and learn about the architecture as well as the influence of the churches in the development of Oakland. Meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Broadway at 27th Street.

Oakland Chinatown, May 30. This bustling Asian Center is the fifth largest Chinatown in the United States. Visit the sidewalk markets filled with fresh fish, barbecued duck, exotic fruits and vegetables. Walk through the herb shops and see fresh noodles being made. Meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza fountain at 8th and Webster Streets.
Free. Oakland, (510) 238-3234 or www.oaklandnet.com

Oakland Zoo — African Savanna, ongoing. This zoo territory consists of two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits. See the meerkat family, hyenas, green monkeys and even a savanna monitor.

Visit the Mahali Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant) to see African lions, giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world who live in this Oakland hills park. The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop.

"Simba Poni," Swahili for "Lion Country," is a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a savanna and woodland setting for two adult African lions and four young lions.
"Footprints from the Past," is an anthropology exhibit showcasing 4 million years of human evolution and an actual "footpath" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna. A the Kikuyu Hut.

"Sun Bear Exhibit." See the state-of-the-art space the zoo has developed for its two sun bears. The bears' home is designed to challenge the bears mentally as well as physically, forcing them to forage for food as much as they would do in the wild. The naturalistic habitat is over an acre in size and includes much pits for exploration, climbing structures, nesting structures, a large pond and rooting machines.

The Siamese Island Exhibit, ongoing. The Island is a state-of-the-art, barrier-free exhibit that emulates the gibbons' native tropical rain forest habitat.

SPECIAL EVENT — "Celebrating Elephants," May 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. An opportunity to go behind the scenes in the elephant barn and talk to the keepers. Conservation and education stations will be set up throughout the Zoo. Come learn about the conservation efforts of the Ambossel Elephant Research Project.
\$6.50 general; \$3.50 seniors and children age 2 to 14; free children under age 2; \$3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland, (510) 632-9625 or www.oaklandzoo.org

Redwood Regional Park — "Magic Children's Walk," May 19, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Put your arms around a redwood tree, look for banana slugs and examine tree-ring cookies. Registration required. Meet at Canyon Staging Entrance. (510) 521-6887
7867 Redwood Road, Oakland, (510) 636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

REI Berkeley — "Paddling Adventures: How to Get Started Kayaking," May 24, 7 p.m. A lecture by Dan Grondall, a member of the U.S. National Kayak Surf Team, discussing all aspects of kayaking, including the necessary gear, where to go both close-to-home and further afield, and how to improve skill levels to make paddling more fun.

Hands-On Bicycle Repair Clinic, through July 15. Join a REI bike technician and learn how to fix your own bicycle. Tools provided. Each clinic covers a different aspect of basic repairs. Clinics run from 11 a.m. to noon.

June 3: Front and rear derailleur adjustments.
June 24: Fixing a flat.
July 15: Drive train maintenance and chain repair.
Free unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, (510) 527-4140.

Roberts Regional Recreation Area — Within the park's 82 acres are a heated outdoor pool, bathhouse, playing fields, picnic areas and hiking and riding trails. Sea captains once took their bearings from a towering redwood tree on Blossom Rock here.
Free. Skyline Boulevard, 1/2 mile north of Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland, (510) 521-6887 or www.ebparks.org

Skyline National Trail Hikes — Sponsored by the East Bay Regional Park District

"Sibley-to-Redwood Overnight," May 26 and May 27. The Skyline Trail links six Regional Parks over its 31-mile course through the East Bay. Meet at Sibley Volcanic Regional Park and have overnight gear shuttled to Redwood Regional Park. Then hike to Redwood, enjoy a campfire and sleep out under the stars. On Sunday, the hike will continue for those wishing to go farther. Parental participation required. For ages 7 and older. Reservations required. Saturday, noon to Sunday, noon. \$34. (510) 636-1684

"Redwood to Bort Meadow," May 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at Redwood Regional Park and hike to Bort Meadow through redwoods, willows, oaks and madroñeros. This hike offers splendid views of Grass Valley. For ages 7 and older. Reservations required. (510) 521-6887.

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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received **Thursdays** one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Hall of Health, 2330 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9862.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LBGTQ Parent and Prospective Parent groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familygroup@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lhall@quacklin.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Fats", Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 8-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 648-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

The Richmond Museum of History sponsors a bus tour of the south Richmond areas, part of the proposed WWII Home Front National Historical Park site, Sunday, May 20. Led by Shelby Sampson, assistant curator of

the museum, participants view the Rosie the Riveter Memorial, the Red Oak Victory Ship, and Kaiser's Shipyard no. 3. The tour begins at Ferry Point at 10 a.m. and returns there at 2 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person, \$17.50 for museum members. Price includes lunch at the Richmond Museum. Advance reservation is required. Call the museum, 235-7387, to reserve a seat, directions to Ferry Point, or to get more information.

Dog and puppy temporary foster homes urgently needed. Shelters overcrowded, situation desperate. Call Hologang Animal Rescue today, 530-5154.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marlon Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-6739.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

"Work Buddies", volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lupton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9365.

SMART project, the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

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Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

The Fig Tree Gallery, 2599 Eighth St., no. 42, continues its exhibit of oil paintings by Neil Haskell and humorous hand-made posters by Barbara Fracchia through May 27. Gallery hours: Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Nell, 525-2754, or Barbara, 525-7057.

A New Leaf Gallery, 1266 Glim St., continues "The Figure Au Plain Air" exhibit through May 27. Exhibit hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit features the art work of Donna Billick, Curt Brill, Robert Charland, Mark Chatterley, Ed Haddaway, Robert Holmes, Susanah Israel, Nina Lyons, M.C. Carolyn, Keeley Meadows, Mike Moran, Preston Jackson, Liz Rose, Rita Sargen-Simon, and Peter Schiffrin. For more information, call 525-7621.

The Women's Cancer Research Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., presents the quilt tapestries of Cherynne Gelson through May 28. Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 1 to 7 p.m., Saturday, 12 to 4 p.m., and by appointment. The exhibit, entitled "Tropical Visions," provides strong, positive images of women of African and Caribbean descents. For more information, call 548-9286.

The Mussel Artworks Foundation & Gallery, 729 Heinz Ave., space 10, presents "The Sands of Time," an Arab/Muslim sculpture and ceramic exhibit by artist Khalil Bendib. Gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 10 to 5 p.m., or call for an appointment. For more information or an appointment, call 664-2735.

The Albany Arts Committee announces the opening of a new exhibit, "Three-Ply," tapestries by local artist Care Standley. This selection of tapestries embraces the complexity and subtleties involved in creating textiles woven on a loom. The exhibit is on display through May 24 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Call 524-9283 for more information.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to

explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7-50 residents, \$9-38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Pieces Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

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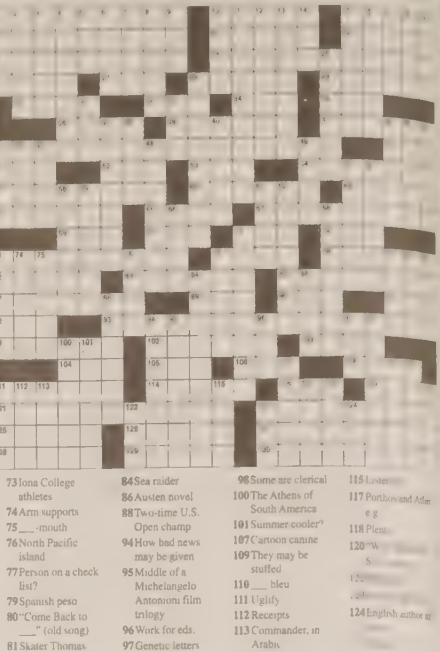
The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alameda Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings

Berkeley Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don, 525-3565.

Kensington Senior Activity Center meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRita, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-



The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillgates Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillgates Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

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Speak Smart! Join Being Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday. Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly

Auditorium, Herrick Campus 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building 2515 Hillgates. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 8:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillgates Ave. Call 869-2547 for details.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Tuesday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships. Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way Berkeley. (415) 461-5337 \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month, 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS: 9:30 a.m. Mondays. Take Pounds Off Sensibly. Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Martz, 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6856.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required; drop in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required; just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1677.

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Outdoors

Learn to feed and care for orphaned
baby birds: house sparrows, starlings
and pigeons are introduced species
that are not afforded care by rehabili-
tation groups. You can make an im-
portant contribution in returning these
species to the wild life they deserve to
have. Free training and some sup-
plies. Call 531-3042 or Lelia
6555-3911.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2800 Bancroft
Way, offers "Scribble Time," a
technique that helps participants un-
derstand themselves and to find fo-
cus. The group meets on Tuesdays by
appointments and is free to YWCA
members. Call 848-6370 for additional
information, leave a message for Anna
Lemire.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Gar-
den Tilden Park, presents regular
tours, seven days a week. Week days
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and
Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by ap-
pointment. Call 841-8732. For a
schedule of upcoming classes call
925-820-1021

Support

A free Yoga for Cancer class meets
every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45
p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive
Cancer Center. The classes are open
to both current patients and long-term
survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for di-
rections and more information.

Restorative Yoga class meets on
Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30
a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per
class. Easy, luxurious stretches and
mindful breathing help to ease tension
and discomfort and open the body to
relaxation and well-being. Call Janet,
891-9560, for directions and more in-
formation.

Berkeley Fibromyalgia Support Group
presents Dr. Kathryn Williams from
noon to 2 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical
Center, Maffly Auditorium, Herrick
Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr.

Williams is the former chairman for
Department of Rehabilitation, Contra
Costa Regional Medical Center. Her
topic is "Current Understanding of Fi-
bromyalgia." The event is free. For
more information, call D.L. Mal-
lousky, 601-0550. For directions only,
call Barbara Ridley at 204-4503

Adult Survivors of Incest, a local sup-
port group in the east bay is being
formed. The group will gather for heal-
ing discussions and also various ac-
tivities, including hiking, dancing, clas-
sic film watching, traveling, or any fun
activity. Interested participants, call At-
tica Peece at 625-1698. Feel free to
leave a message

The pain and grief associated with the
death of a loved one can often feel
overwhelming — especially during the
holidays. Many people suffer isolation
The grief counseling project is here to
help. No one is turned away for lack
of money. Call 889-1104.

"The Grief Care Community" offers 8-
week bereavement support groups as
well as art therapy grief groups, and
individual support. Call 540-0830 for
additional information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-
4534 for additional information

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick
Campus offers a guided relaxation
and visualization for people with can-
cer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its
Comprehensive Cancer Center, first
floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight
Way. The Center offers this solution
with an innovative approach to reduc-
ing stress and anxiety and creating
positive, life-affirming images. Call
204-1811 for additional information.
Call 204-1811 for additional infor-
mation

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a
Grief Education Class every third Sat-
urday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon
at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001
Dwight Way. The class covers com-
mon and personal grief reactions
Fee: \$10. No one refused due to in-
ability to pay. For further information,
contact 841-2930

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight
Way, offers support group classes for
stroke survivors and their families and
friends on the first Tuesday of the
month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick
Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center.
There is no admission charge and ad-
vance registration is not necessary.
Call 204-4503 for additional infor-
mation

The Comprehensive Cancer Center
and Breast Center Salon, Alta Bates
Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, of-
fers a support group for friends and
families coping with cancer. The sup-
port group is offered on the second
and fourth Tuesday of each month
This is a free service. Call 204-1811
for additional information

The Lupus Foundation of Northern Cal-
ifornia is still accepting applications for
its Youth Pilot Support Program cur-
rently underway at Lucille Packard
Children's Hospital at Stanford. The
group meets monthly and is open to

teens suffering from lupus and other
rheumatic diseases. For more infor-
mation, call (408) 954-8600 or visit
www.bali.org

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals
program desperately needs drivers to
deliver 15 meals once a week to
homebound seniors. Call 644-8590

The North Berkeley Senior Center is
also seeking volunteers to work in its
gift shop, coffee bar and dining area
three to four hours, one day a week
Call 644-6107

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Ed-
ucation group presents Dorothea
Dorenz, a state certified massage and
movement therapist, who teaches self-
healing methods. Bring a small pillow,
and wear loose, comfortable clothing
For directions or more information,
call 204-4503

Lecture/Workshop

Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes
take place at Berkeley Unitarian
Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday
evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday morn-
ings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitar-
ian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. Peo-
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The YWCA offers free orientations of its
Turning Point Career Center. The ori-
entations outline the resources avail-
able to the public as well as the differ-
ent things that the center has to offer
such as a great variety of workshops
They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30
p.m. The Turning Point Career Center
is located at 2800 Bancroft Way. For
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tion, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No
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237-0840 or visit the web site at
www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/rop

"What Is Meditation," is a peaceful and
practical introduction to the basics of
meditation. The free seminar takes
place at Barnes and Noble Book-
sellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragito
Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861
for additional information

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step
meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call
236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Theater, Dance & Film

Pacific Film Archive, 2575 Bancroft
Way at Bowditch St., presents the
films of Russian puppet animator
Ladislav Starewicz at 3 p.m. and 7:30
p.m. on Saturday, May 19. Known for
his fanciful and entertaining films
made with insects, Starewicz is a leg-
endary artist who created animated
films in Russia for the Revolution and
in France in the 1920s. Tickets: \$10,
\$7 for Berkeley Museum/Pacific Film
Archive members, and, \$4 for chil-
dren. Tickets are available at the PFA
Theater box office or by calling 642-

5249. For more ticket or program in-
formation, call 642-1412

Black Repertory Group, 3201 Adeline
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Paula "Ms." Martin at 7:30 p.m. Friday,
May 18. The show, written and di-
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p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy
Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at
The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run
as a monthly series. For more infor-
mation, call Michael Marangio at 528-
7658

Classes

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to
11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Commu-
nity Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across
from the Kensington Library.) Simple
and clear lessons for people of all lev-
els. Emphasis is good music and fun
Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-
rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in ses-
sion. For more information, call Mel
Harte, at 948-5280 before 9 p.m.

Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia
St., offers its new Sunset College this
spring with classes in accounting, e-
commerce, business, Java program-
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Spanish for business professionals
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The Albany YMCA offers after school
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school age children. The YMCA offers
sports and dance programs, gymnas-



tics and Hip Hop and enrichment pro-
grams such as cooking, sewing and
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Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2840
College Ave., offers a family-friendly
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The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers

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Preparation for US Citizenship
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also offers, for an affordable fee, a va-
riety of vocational classes and com-
puter classes, ranging from introduc-
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2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of

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Calendar

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classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for nonmembers; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

A CopWatch class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

Berkeley Community Media (BCM), Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjani Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

Life Stories/College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre

dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug, 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Volunteers

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, seeks volunteers for its Tele-Care program. Volunteers provide friendly, caring check-up calls on a daily basis to seniors, convalescents, and others who are homebound. Volunteers pick the days they would like to call and use phones at Alta Bates. For more information, call Sabra, 204-4487, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Pediatric Care provides on-going support groups for families coping with illness, grief or loss within the family. Groups meet weekly evenings in Oakland and Walnut Creek. Fees are on a sliding scale. Call Pediatric Care at 531-7551 for more information.

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is conducting a study, funded by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The goal of the study is to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment; medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. The study is called the SMART Project. Interested parties may call 1-888-249-8802 for more information.

The Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention. The agency needs motivated committed people to serve its 24-hour crisis lines. No prior experience required. Excellent training provided. Call 848-1515 for more information.

Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to staff emergency food referral service, the Hunger Hotline. Shifts are available on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Call volunteer coordinator Mary Schoen at 834-FOOD for more information and a current volunteer newsletter.

Contra Costa County Volunteers in Probation are continually seeking dependable volunteers, 21 years plus, who want to spend time with youth on probation. Training will be provided and screening of all applicants is required by the Probation Department. If you are interested, call Kat Thompson, Director of Volunteers in Probation 925-313-4167 or email kmathompson@hotmail.com.

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is seeking experience fitness instructors in many areas of exercise and training, including Tiny tot tumbling, rompergym, acrobatics, youth dance, adult aerobics and yoga. If you have experience and have taught contact Recreation supervisor, John Medlock at 524-9283 or come by the Albany Community center at 1249 Marin Avenue for an instructor application.

UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn how to give tours of the Garden. Knowledge of plants is useful, but not required, and prior teaching experience is also helpful, but not essential. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. The training teaches about the Garden and how to lead tours. Call 643-11924 for more information and an application.

The Richmond Public Library seeks Internet Docents to teach Internet skills and to provide hands-on assistance to library patrons. Volunteers are needed for the main library Adult Department, the Children's Department, and the Bayview or West Side branch libraries. Volunteers agree to work with the public for at least one three-hour slot per week for a three month period. Solid Internet skills, including knowledge of Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer and the ability to use two search engines well are required. Applications are available at the information desk at the main library or at the two branches. For more information, call 620-6561.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley needs volunteers. The center serves women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 548-6933.

Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Thrift Shop in El Cerrito. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults. Call 528-9455 for additional information.

Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., needs compassionate volunteers to help women with cancer through its information and referral hotline, library, or in-home practical support. Time requirements are two to four hours per week for 6-12 months. Call 548-9266 ext. 309 for an application, interview and more information.

Volunteer at the Crucible, 1035 Murray St. Sharpen skills, and meet new people in the community. All talents are appreciated. The Crucible is an educational collaboration of arts, industry and community. Call 843-5511 or e-mail crucible@jps.net for more information on how to get involved.

There is an immediate need for Home Delivered Meal volunteers at the "Open House" Senior Center to deliver noon day meals to the homebound in Kensington, El Cerrito, and Richmond Annex. For more information, call Nichols at 215-4342.

Breast Cancer Action, an advocacy and activist organization aimed to inspire and compel the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic, is seeking volunteers. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including events, activist and task force help, and office work during the week, are available. Call 415-243-9301, for additional information.

Berkeley's Women's Daytime Drop-In Center needs off-site volunteers to help with mailings, fund-raising events, and holiday programs. Training is provided for all volunteers who can devote three-and-a-half hours a week to working at

the Center. Other on-site opportunities include answering phones and performing administrative functions. Those

wishing to volunteer should call 466-5663 or 548-6933.

La Pena Cultural Center needs volunteers

with technical sound skills. This commitment is two programs per month. Call Kahlil 849-2568, ext. 11 for information.

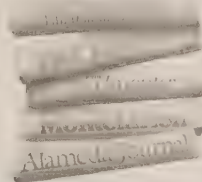
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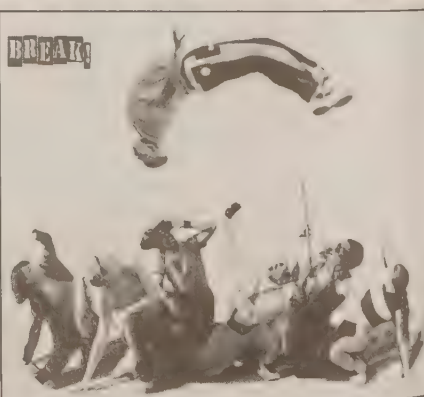
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After filing your Fictitious Business Name Statement with the County Clerk in Oakland or Martinez, you will need to publish it within 30 days of filing in a Newspaper or General Circulation in the area where your business is located. To publish a Fictitious Business Name Statement in the Alameda County, Montclair, Piedmonter, Berkeley Voice or El Cerrito Journal, please submit a stamped and filed copy. We will publish your notice once a week for 4 weeks, file the Proof of Publication with the County Clerk and provide you with a copy for your records. Please contact us at the telephone number below for cost information. Then, mail or deliver it to 1516 Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501. For more information, call 510-748-1666.

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Elders Inn On Webster Brings Senior Residence Close To Community Services

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Located in the commercial section of Alameda's Webster Street, the building allows easy access to local services and attractions for the residents and their visiting families. The facility is an urban infill design, which allows it to blend in with the local commercial area and still offer the residents a spacious interior and series of sheltered court-

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Section D

Classic Classics Big fins on a big car: 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood [D2]

MY FIRST CAR New Feature



Demise of the Brown Behemoth

Part three of three
BY DENNIS EVANOSKY

As my junior year in high school progressed, I wore my banished automobile like a badge of honor on my school uniform. My schoolmates expressed their solidarity quietly — no one wanted detention.

The fact that Father Paul — the principal of arguably the strictest high school in America — said that he would never allow the car onto DeMuth's parking lot "in his lifetime" impressed us in a way that our good headmaster could not appreciate.

Each morning I discharged my passengers and every afternoon I dutifully picked them up — they were, after all paying me for the privilege — at the parking lot entrance — the muffler on my solid brown — sickly brown, my mother called it — behemoth purring like a sick, mad animal.

We always took the "long way" home, turning a 12-mile trip into a journey of 30, even 40 miles. My mother always wondered how it could possibly take so long to get home. I never explained.

Not only did I have Father Paul to deal with, but I kept the Greenbelt Police Department busy as well. In addition to the muffler, the



ACURA'S TL TYPE-S drives dynamically on the sport-tuned suspension and 17-inch alloy wheels with V-rated high-performance tires

Acura introduces luxury sports sedan: 3.2 TL Type-S

Acura spices up the 3.2 TL by adding a new, sportier 2002 model. The high-performance Type-S has one of the most powerful V-6 engines in the mid-size class.

The new 3.2 TL fooled me when I first saw it in the driveway. Not that the sedan was unattractive, but it seemed so typical of mid-size luxury cars. Sleek and graceful, but nothing that jumped out as truly distinguishable. I thought, "Pretty enough. It'll give me a nice, smooth ride." Then I walked around the sedan and mused, "You little rascal."

Staring back at me on the rear decklid — written in small, elegant, red lettering — was the word "Type-S." I enthusiastically realized this nice, smooth drive was going to be a whole new ballgame: a luxury ride with sports car performance. I even began to develop an appreciation for the understated sportiness of the redesigned front end, which features a rakish hood blending into seamless angular lines at the grille, anchored by flared headlamps.

The 3.2 TL Type-S produces 260 horsepower, while the typical 3.2 TL puts out 225 horsepower. To jetti-

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son the 3,554-pound 3.2 TL Type-S, torque of 232 lb.-ft. kicks in at 3,500 rpm, maintaining the maximum propulsion performance through 5,500 rpm.

Acura's goal is to give the TL driver the benefit of superb engine breathing and responsiveness at all speeds. Getting the job done in this 24-valve single overhead cam engine is the automaker's

very own VTEC system, which was first unveiled in the highly exotic NSX sports car. Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control is unlike fixed-timing intake valves in other V-6 sedans in that it varies and staggers the lift timing of the intake valves, helping to build lots of torque at low and mid rpm ranges.

Adding to the thrill of sports-oriented, dynamic driving on the Type-S are sport-tuned suspension and 17-inch alloy wheels with V-rated high-performance tires. During highway driving, I had to watch my

speeds which easily crept up to 80 mph, well over the posted legal limit. Big tires and sport tuning do not translate into road noise or a hard drive. This front-wheel drive TL is a luxury car first, with a refined drive as its primary goal. The performance driving part of the Type-S equation is felt under acceleration. When I needed to move on the gas pedal, the response was immediate.

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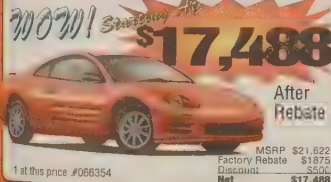
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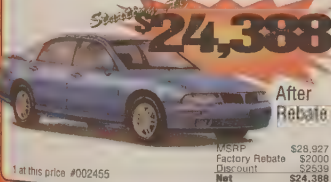
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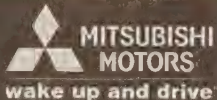


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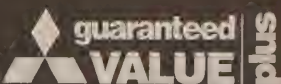
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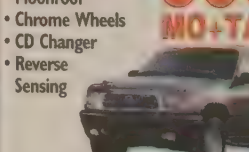
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1959 Cadillac Fleetwood becomes an object of art

Almost a quarter century after Cadillac presented what it called "A new realm of motoring majesty," Michael Winston, then an investment banker, finally took notice of the big-finned 1959 cars.

Of the dozen models offered in 1959 the Fleetwood Sixty Special Sedan was the one that attracted Winston's attention. He became so infatuated with the 18-foot-9-inch-long, four-door hardtop Cadillac that he set out to locate the finest example in existence. If he had started his quest 23 years earlier, he could have simply paid the \$6,233 base price and had his car.

Instead, Winston advertised internationally for the best 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood still available of the 12,250 manufactured. He knew that by 1982 most of the 4,890-pound behemoths of the highway had been wrecked, crushed or run to death. Still, he was optimistic.

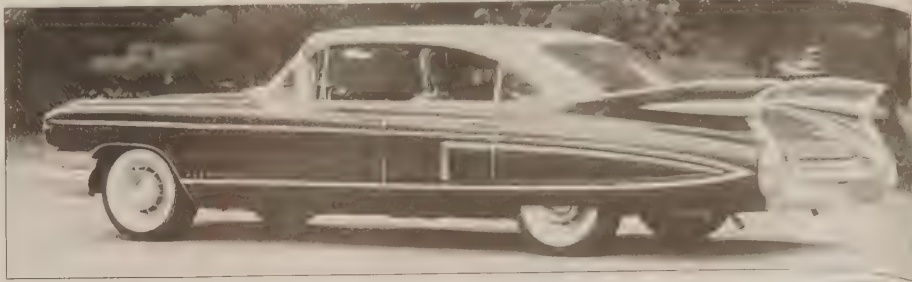
Sooner than expected, Winston received that one-in-a-million telephone call. A Hartford, Conn., man who had purchased his Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special Sedan new in 1959 called to say he was looking for a good home for his light-green over emerald-green car.

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It had, of course, the required excess of chrome trim, plus the pseudo vent from the rear door on back to the rear bumper — all of which is outlined in chrome. But most importantly it had those outrageous tail fins. After a relatively brief discussion Winston eventually passed muster and was deemed a fit owner for the Cadillac. Once that detail was settled, it was then Winston's turn to interrogate.

"He described the car in great detail for about 20 minutes," Winston recalls. The original owner of the car transmitted such conviction over the telephone that Winston bought it sight unseen. It had been driven only 65,000 miles at that time. Since then, Winston has added just 25,000 more miles. To date, the average annual mileage is about 2,225 miles.

When the 4-foot, 8-inch high Cadillac arrived, Winston gave it a cursory once-over and, he says, "I was totally surprised." The car was everything the owner had de-



NEARLY 19 FEET OF '59 CADILLAC FLEETWOOD with all the fins you can eat, stands 4 feet, 8 inches tall and contains and 390-cubic-inch-overhead valve V-8 that churns out 325 horses.

scribed, plus the cavernous trunk was full of spare parts.

Winston called the original owner to thank him for passing the custodianship of the car to him and to assure him he would maintain the tradition. Winston was asked one thing in return and agreed to telephone the original owner once a month thereafter to keep him updated on the condition and well-being of the Cadillac. Winston made the monthly calls for eight years until the original owner's death.

The exclusive Cadillac is equipped with power windows with controls on the dogleg of the wrap-around windshield. Only the left outside mirror is remotely controlled. The right one is controlled manually.

Additionally, the car has power steering, as well as power brakes. An enormous-capacity air conditioner is there to cool the equally enormous passenger compartment.

Sitting atop the padded dashboard in the curve of the wrap-around windshield is the handy headlight-dimming automatic eye.

In the center of the very wide dashboard is the Wonderbar signal-seeking AM radio. Now all these extra-cost options sound like standard equipment on cars today, but we must remember 40 years have passed in the interim.

Beneath the expansive hood is a 390-cubic-inch overhead valve V-8 engine that produces 325 horse-

power. It is fed fuel by a four-barrel, downdraft carburetor while air is drawn into the engine through a dry-pack air cleaner. Everything is big on a 1959 Cadillac, including the 21-gallon fuel tank, 19 3/4-quart cooling system and 11-quart automatic transmission.

A 1959 Cadillac may be a lot of different things to a lot of different people, but to Winston, its practical function as an automobile never

figured in the equation of why he purchased the car.

"I bought it," he explains, "as an object of art."

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Keane

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wheel, door panel inserts and transmission shift knob reflect the attempt at appearing younger and sportier.

The instrumentation gauges are large and easy to read in quick glances.

My \$33,710 test-drive vehicle comes with Acura's Navigation System as standard equipment.

Acura "navi" is built into the dashboard, above the center console housing the climate and audio controls.

The DVD-based navigation guide provides voice commands for the driver after a location has been selected from the map database.

The audio system ranks as top shelf, featuring Bose acoustic equipment and including a six-disc in-dash CD changer, AM/FM/cassette system.

The automatic heating and air conditioning system does not have dual-zone climate controls. Con-

sidering the Type-S is a 2002 model, this omission surprises me since dual-zone controls are more commonplace in luxury vehicles today.

Safety equipment includes Vehicle Stability Assist for sudden

avoidance swerving, ABS, and front-and-side impact airbags.

After my daylong drive, I admonished myself for dismissing the 3.2 TL as just another pretty luxury car.

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Behemoth

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electrical system often went awry. The fuse that controlled the taillights kept malfunctioning. The older boys took me aside and showed me the aluminum foil trick — they said all I had to do was wrap some aluminum foil around the fuse, and it would work just fine.

Whenever I drove anywhere, I made sure that the foil was securely wrapped around that fuse. It did the trick, or so I thought. I drove around with the smug sense of security that only a 17-year-old could have. Little did I know that the entire police force in the city of Greenbelt lay in wait. I drove past a police officer one evening. I watched in the rear-view mirror, and laughed to myself — he was writing someone else a ticket. My stomach became Gordian's knot as I saw him jump into his patrol car. I realized that he was coming for me — with his lights on and siren blaring.

I saw Officer Zoellner emerge from the police car. I went to school with his son Scott. "Dennis," I remember him saying, "I've been waiting a long time for this."

He then issued me a ticket for having no taillights. Not only did the ticket cost a bundle, but Woody, the town's only mechanic, was unable to fix the problem.

Then my father passed sentence. I was not to drive the car until the taillights worked. Desperate, I turned to the big boys. One of them, Joe Phelps, had bought the chrome from the car. Joe could fix it. I knew he could. He even let me help. I learned now a car's electrical system worked. I convinced my father that the Brown Behemoth lived, and that the taillights would function once again. After a conversation with Joe, he gave in.

Not being able to drive the car meant no exploring. The weekends were always the best. From the very start — about 6th grade or so — I love to go exploring. Now we could

really see the sights.

My fascination with history — the kind you can touch and see, not the kind you read about in books — grew like an untended weed. Maryland's history goes back to the 1600s, we were told; we knew better.

The woods throbbed with Indian lore and there were many places to go now that I had a car — out-of-the-way places, the farms and woods around Greenbelt.

We came across arrowheads and springs. We sat and imagined who had been there before us, long before the 1600s.

The history books said nothing about that "time before" and our teachers would not speak of it either. My car, the Brown Behemoth, made this exploration possible. Then I got distracted. Her name was Cindy.

Suddenly nothing meant more to me than going to St. Maria Goretti's to see Cindy after school. Some of my friends told me that she liked me for my car, but I knew it wasn't true.

They were jealous — not only did I have a car, I had a girlfriend and new responsibilities. Her parents didn't care much for the Brown Behemoth, and I actually considered painting it, just for her.

We went "out" a lot — to the bowling alley, for rides and to the movies. We could only go to movies that the Legion of Decency approved, so Cindy always had to check with her parents first. We fell in love and we survived the loss of the Brown Behemoth together. I could have never done it without her.

Cindy and I stayed in love all through our junior year and into the fateful winter of 1964 to '65, when I lost my beloved automobile.

When the cold weather froze Greenbelt Lake, we put on our skates and played hockey. One day we were getting a game together when I realized that I had left my skates and stick at home.

I could have walked through the woods to my house in less time than it took to drive around

the lake. No self-respecting 17-year-old walked when he could drive, however.

I got in the car. It was snowing. I should never drive when it was snowing, my mother said. Why are mothers always right?

As I drove home, a car approached. It kept coming and coming. I had to put on my brakes in the snow. Instead of steering into the oncoming car as I was taught, I panicked and steered away with fatal — for the Brown Behemoth — results.

As I plowed into my victim, I looked at him straight in the face.

I can see his face even now. In slow motion, I watched him put his hands to his bloody face.

When I got out of my car, I recognized him, a Greenbelt police officer. I had hit a policeman and bloodied his nose. Why didn't I listen to my mother?

I looked at the Brown Behemoth as it sat crushed into the other vehicle. "My car," I remember thoughtfully saying.

"Your car is the least of your problems, son," my victim said. "I hope you have insurance."

I did have insurance, but not for long. I watched sadly as they towed my car away to Woody's Flying A gas station. There it sat in spring. One day I went by and it was gone.

"Where is it?" I asked Woody.

"Where is what?" he said, as though there was anything else in the world he had of mine but the Brown Behemoth.

"My car," I said. "My '57 Chevy." "Oh, that," I junked it yesterday, and gave your dad the money," Woody said without looking me in the face.

The Brown Behemoth had turned to junk and I walked away with my 17-year-old brain working overtime, wondering how would I ever survive.

Next week: Perry Bales wishes that 1979 Volvos could fly.

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Owners leery of problems with anti-lock brakes

Dear Doctor: We own a 1996 Buick LeSabre with 81,000 miles. My problem is the anti-lock brake light stays on. The dealer said the problem is the ABS unit. The repair requires a complete ABS unit at a cost of \$1,200. The brakes seem to work fine. Is there an inexpensive alternative fix? The light is annoying at night, and the car's value will be

less with the light on. Can the light be shut off? Sid

Dear Sid: I suggest trying another shop to check the ABS system for trouble codes. If the problem is the ABS unit, check for a rebuilt or used unit from a salvage yard. I do not advise shutting off the ABS light.

Dear Doctor: My 1991 Chevrolet Caprice wagon has anti-lock

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brakes. When I apply the brakes, the car jerks to the left. The repair shop already did a complete brake job

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2002 CHEVY AVALANCHE comes standard with a 5300 V-8 engine built for adventure.

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Chevy's confidence that its 2002 Avalanche will lure and hook consumers is clear. Instead of timidly testing the waters, it's plunging into the market. Recently, it even introduced a bold interpretation of the 1500 Series model: The North Face Edition.

By building this designer truck (excuse me — "ultimate utility vehicle"), as well as a 2500 version, Chevy appears to be making a strong push toward niche marketing. Chevy appropriately unveiled this high-end, outdoors-themed model in the rugged mountains outside of Palm Springs.

Like normally outfitted Avalanches, The North Face Edition flaunts the Convert-a-Cab system. This trademark system features a convertible Midgate that can create a cab pass-through. For hauling needs exceeding the capacity of Avalanche's standard 5-foot-3-inch-long bed, the Midgate folds into the cab (and 60/40-split rear seats fold down) to create an 8-foot-1-inch cargo floor. This conversion allows the measuring-stick 4-by-8-foot building materials to be carried. Guarding cargo from the elements is a lockable, three-piece, rigid cargo cover and lockable tailgate.

A removable, stowable rear glass can invite Mother Nature into the cabin, but doesn't allow her to get too rowdy. Teaming with the Midgate, the removed window allows taller objects, such as motorcycles, to be toted upright. Designers have even figured a clever way to stow smaller items. Lockable top-box storage is integrated into both sides of the cargo box.

The North Face Edition option, only available with 4WD and the

standard 5300 V-8 engine, is a natural for the built-for-adventure Avalanche. This upscale model is distinctive, offering a blend of high styling and ruggedness.

Ed Schoener, Avalanche brand manager, boasts Chevy's partnership with The North Face — a manufacturer of premium exploration apparel and equipment — as an ideal fit.

"Even though you might not be going to the top of Mount Everest, you know that it [The North Face gear] is rugged, dependable and long-lasting, just like our Chevy trucks," Schoener said. "We think that the imagery between the two companies is a perfect match."

Victoria Hernandez, brand director for The North Face, said her company's goals are in sync with those of the Avalanche team. Comparing Avalanche with The North Face equipment, she said, "It gives you the tools and the freedom to get you where you want to go, and do what you want to do."

Buyers of this special-edition Avalanche benefit from an appearance package, as well as added functionality appointed by those with an urge to brave the elements.

The North Face Edition Avalanche model chosen for the Palm Springs debut wore a cloak of vivid Sage Green that met at the bodysides with tall, macho, gray cladding. This look meshed well with the jumbled boulders that stood as a backdrop for the display truck. Sage Green is exclusive to The North Face Edition, Schoener said, noting orange, black, pewter and white also are available. Along with being painted in Sage Green, the display model's designer branding was indicated with The North

Face Edition badging.

It's on the inside where most of The North Face flash and function are evident. Leather seats are Cedar Green and black, and feature The North Face design elements used in eye-grabbing fashion. Door trim panels also show off distinctive styling, and heavy-duty floor mats sport The North Face logo.

Adding pizzazz and sportiness to the dashboard is a cluster of round analog gauges with white faces. This instrument panel is exclusive to The North Face Edition.

Schoener said creation of the interior look wasn't based on quick-glitz packaging. Measures were taken to make certain The North Face signature was clearly etched into the design.

"We physically had designers from The North Face, as well as their athletes, come to our design center and talk with our designers," Schoener said. "We looked at a lot of clothing that they made — so basically it was a The North Face-inspired interior."

For hettier gear or equipment, such as cameras, that needs protection from the elements, two waterproof duffel bags (the North Face Water Duffel) are stored in the rear cargo area. Hernandez said these tailored bags have waterproof zippers and, in place of seams, sections are welded with a special fusion process.

The North Face Edition Avalanche is slated to appear in dealerships by August. Base price for this well-bred hybrid is \$37,495.

Tim Spell is the automotive writer for the Houston Chronicle Cars & Trucks section.

Doctor

FROM PAGE D3

for \$746, which included new front brake calipers. I also had the front end aligned. What else is left? Margaret

Dear Margaret: It sounds like either a pressure problem or something in the front end moving when the brakes are applied. Go to a different shop and have the service-man check out the car. I have also seen problems with the rubber flex brake line partly restricted. I have not seen the anti-lock brake system cause this problem.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 Ford Thunderbird 3.8-liter V-6 with 123,000 miles. The problem is a whining sound coming from the air filter compartment. What causes the noise? Sal

Dear Sal: The first thing to do is disconnect the fan belt. Then start the engine and listen for the whining noise. There will be a suction sound from the air filter. A common source of whining comes from the bearings on the pulleys that the fan belt runs and rides on.

Dear Doctor: I own a '98 Grand Marquis with 50,000 miles. My problem is when started cold, the engine races too fast to put it in gear. The dealer said this situation is normal, and the engine is supposed to run fast until warmed up. Joe

Dear Joe: All fuel-injected engines are programmed to run at a high rpm when first started cold. The high idle speed will last four to eight minutes. The fast idle speed lessens emissions, promotes less wear on the moving engine parts, and reduces acid buildup in the crank case.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass purchased new. The battery goes dead if the car sits for four days or longer. I have checked all the inside lights, as well as the lights in the trunk and glove box. My garage mechanic cannot find the problem. How can we get the car fixed? Wally

Dear Wally: Your car has a lot of "parasitic drain." The maximum amount of parasitic drain is 50 mill amps. A simple trunk or glove box

light left on can draw a 120 mill amps plus. This is enough current draw to kill a battery in four days or less. The shop technician will use a digital amp meter in a series of tests on the battery. The problem can be in any circuit that has voltage with the key off.

Dear Doctor: I read your column every week and would like to know your impressions of the 2001 BMW 540. Don

Dear Don: I spent a week in a 540 with the sport option package. The sport package option is \$2,800 and worth every cent. The car has a smooth ride, and the five-speed automatic transmission could not be felt shifting under normal driving. However, under hard acceleration, the sport package option torque converter and transmission upgrade show their stuff.

The one complaint I have with the 540 is the limited front seat travel

At 5'7" I could not get the seat far enough back to feel comfortable. Other than my seat complaint, the BMW is an excellent choice.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Chrysler minivan with 80,000 miles. The only problem I have is the engine cranks, but will not start when the temperature drops below 50 degrees. I have to wait until the sun heats up the hood. I have had the car to the dealer and a local shop. Neither has been able to find the problem. Fred

Dear Fred: I recommend you take the minivan to a shop and leave it overnight. The technician will hook up a spark and fuel tester and check it upon start-up in the morning. First, you need to find out if there is a loss of fuel or spark. A weak ignition coil out-of-range coolant sensor, or even a faulty shut-down relay will cause a no-start problem.

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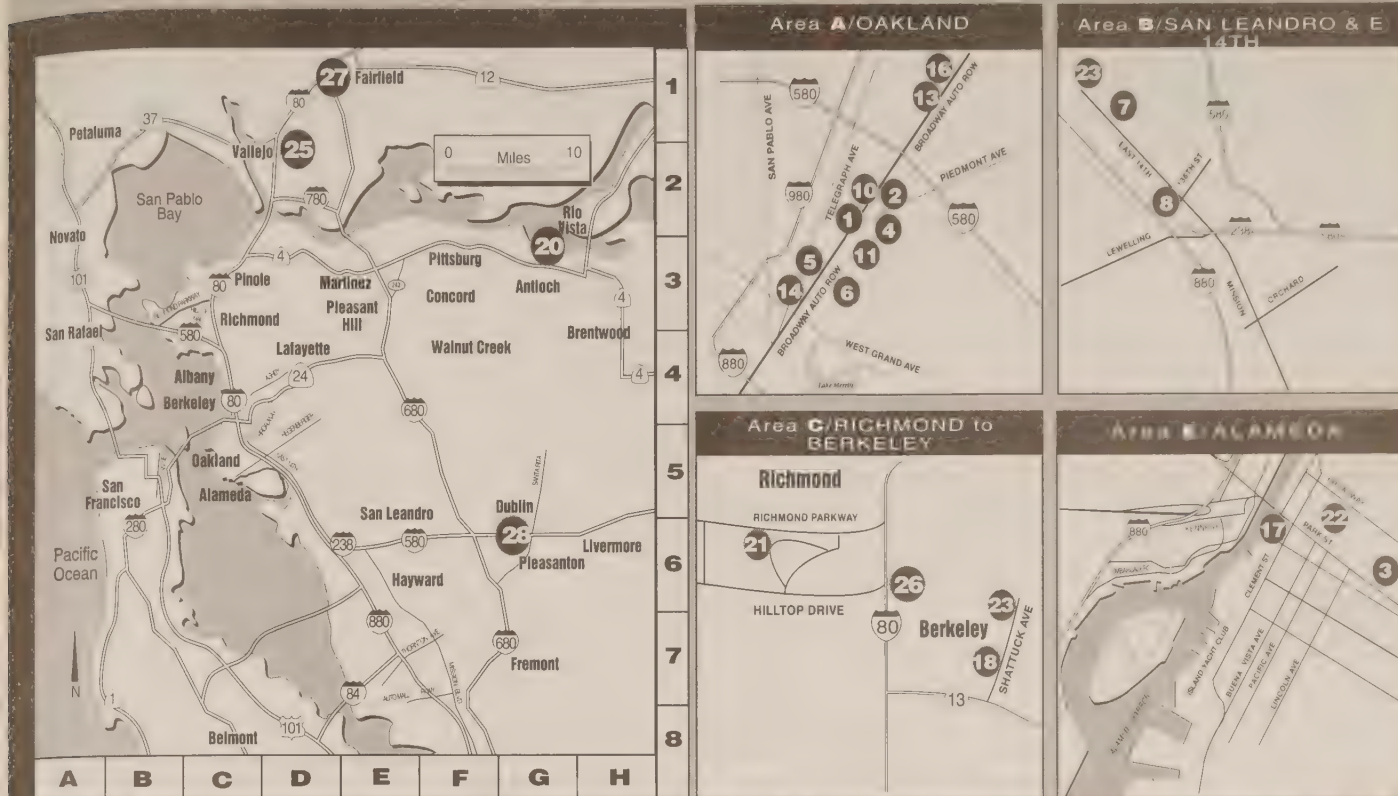
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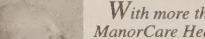
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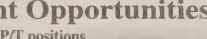
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